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NAVY CUT TREATY BARED; CHINA TO GET SHANTUNG

U. OF S. C. STUDENTS
TO BANQUET 'FROSH'



Mary Robertson Young, vice president of freshman class at U. S. C., who will be one of honor guests at dinner

MEET TO FORM HAS SHORTAGE PROBE PLEA

Public Power league, an organization formed primarily to aid the cause of municipal ownership of public hydro-electric projects, will be called into session by President John Kemp to formulate a request to state railroad commission that body to investigate the shortage in Los Angeles and to probe the alleged excess of money by the Los Angeles Electric Corporation financing legislation seeking to municipal projects in this

Honor to the traditionally abused "frosh" is to be paid by the student body of the University of Southern California college of law Saturday night at the annual banquet to the freshman class of the law school at the Hotel Maryland. More than 600 are expected to attend the banquet at which the freshmen of the law school will be the honor guests of the entire student body.

Dr. R. B. Von KleinSmid, president of the university, is to be the principal speaker at the banquet. Others scheduled to talk are Frank P. Lockett, president of the student body; Martin Shakely, president of the senior class; Leonard E. Thomas, junior class president; H. C. Hopper, president of the freshman class; and Mrs. Mary Robertson Young, vice president of the freshman class and one of the honor guests.

Members of the law college faculty who are expected to attend include Dean Frank M. Porter, Charles E. Millikan, assistant dean; Judge Gavin W. Craig, Judge Frederick Houser, Clair S. Tappan, Vincent Morgan and Paul Vallee.

"FLU" RAGES IN NEW YORK
NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—An epidemic of influenza raged in Greater New York today, according to Health Commissioner Copsland.

Detender Hurt in Fight Over Girl MAN DIES IN SAUERKRAUT CONTEST

CABBAGE AND BOOTLEG BLAMED

Tells of Eating and Drinking
Contest and Finding Companion Dead

Two men participated in a midnight contest to see who could eat the most sauerkraut and bacon and, incidentally, drink the most bootleg whisky. The race was fatal for one of them, according to the police.

The body of Anton Schatz, 30, a cook, was found hanging over the foot of a bed in an East Fourth street rooming house today by W. Graf, the other participant in the death race.

According to Detectives Davis and Parsons, Schatz evidently died from wood alcohol poisoning.

According to Graf's statement to detectives, he met Schatz on the street a few minutes before midnight. The man was a stranger to him but they soon became friends when Schatz was alleged to have exhibited a quart of bootleg whisky.

Schatz accepted Graf's invitation to go to the latter's room. On the way they purchased some sauerkraut and bacon and they were said to have challenged each other to an eating and drinking contest.

Graf told the police that he "took the count" at 1 a. m. and went to bed, leaving Schatz seated at a table before a mountain of sauerkraut and with a pint of bootleg liquor.

Shortly after 3 a. m. Graf awakened, rubbed his eyes and was astonished when he saw Schatz leaning over the foot of the bed. In one hand of his new-made friend was a fork still bearing a goodly portion of sauerkraut. In his other hand was the empty bottle.

FINDS COMPANION DEAD
Graf shook his companion and was astonished to find him dead.

The police and the coroner's office were notified. Coroner Nance authorized an undertaker with an establishment in Moneta avenue to take charge of the body.

Detectives began a search for relatives of Schatz and Autopsy Surgeon Wagner and City Chemist Maas were scheduled to make an examination of the viscera to definitely determine if it was wood alcohol which caused the man's death.

PUGILIST IS ACCUSED OF ATTACK

Purported Ex-Sweetheart of
Woman Is Arrested on
Charge of Battery

Hastening to the rescue of a pretty girl who was calling for help and fighting off a man whom she told the police was a former sweetheart, A. L. Crossman of 212 West Manchester avenue was painfully injured at dawn today near Seventh street and Grand avenue.

Luther Rees, aged 31, said to be a pugilist, was arrested by Detectives Davis and Oker of the police flying squadron on a charge of battery preferred by Crossman.

Blanche Ely of 1513 South Hope street, according to police reports filed at detective headquarters, is the girl in the case.

ON WAY TO WORK
She was on her way to work, according to her statement to officers, when she met Rees, with whom she at one time was said to have kept company.

She became frightened, she said, when Rees is alleged to have held her against a brick wall. Her cries attracted Crossman and John Neilson of 513 East Thirty-second street.

Crossman alleged that Rees struck him in the face when he attempted to assist Miss Ely. Crossman hurried to the city jail and obtained the assistance of detectives.

POINTS HIM OUT
He later pointed out Rees as the man who had attacked him.

Rees was booked at police headquarters on a battery charge and a long laceration over Crossman's eye was sutured by Police Surgeon Severien.

The police instructed Crossman to obtain a complaint against Rees at the office of the city prosecutor.

SEEKS PAY FOR SOLDIERS
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—"Back pay" for members of Company E, California Engineers, was asked in a bill before the house today, introduced by Representative Osborn of Los Angeles.

10-DAY HUNGER STRIKE
MADISON, Ind., Feb. 1.—William Roche is fasting through the tenth day of his hunger strike in jail here. He is under arrest, charged with neglecting the health of his wife.

Here Are Ships U. S. Keeps

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Under the terms of the naval disarmament agreement made public today the United States will have a navy composed of the following 18 capital ships:

Maryland, California, Tennessee, Idaho, New Mexico, Arizona, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Nevada, New York, Texas, Arkansas, Wyoming, Florida, Utah, North Dakota, Delaware—a total of 500,650 tons.

The United States is allowed to complete two West Virginia type ships, whereupon she must scrap the North Dakota and Delaware, leaving her during the naval holiday with a total of 525,850 tons.

The West Virginia type ships carry 18-inch guns and will be the equals in fighting power of anything afloat.

Driver Robbed by Masked Bandits On Valley Blvd.

Held up shortly before daylight today by two masked and armed bandits on the Valley boulevard near Walnut and robbed of \$3.40, all the cash he had, A. J. Hillen, a driver for the Motor Service Express Co., 340 South Alameda street, reported the robbery to the Ontario police, who notified Sheriff Traeger's office.

Heavily armed officers are scouring roads east of the city in the hope of intercepting the men.

Hillen had, the presence of mind to obtain the number of the machine used by the bandits, a fairly good description of it and a general description of the men themselves.

Hillen was on his way to San Bernardino with a truck load of automobile tires when a small machine with the two bandits overhauled him.

Second St. Tunnel Scaffold Falls; One Workman May Die

One man was seriously injured and several others narrowly escaped being hurt today when a scaffold in the Hill street side of the Second street tunnel, under construction, collapsed.

Trinidad Oremous, 45, 623 Santa Fe avenue, fell with the scaffold and suffered a basal skull fracture and internal injuries. He will probably die, according to Police Surgeon Severien of the receiving hospital.

According to the police, who investigated, the workmen observed that the scaffold was weakening. Several of the men climbed down to the ground and Oremous was about to descend when the big scaffold collapsed.

L. A. DYNAMITER DEAD
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.—Phila. Cooley, convicted Los Angeles dynamiter, was dead in the insane asylum at Jackson, La., today.

WOMAN, SHOT BY HUBBY, PLEADS FOR HIM

Although wavering between life and death today as a result of having been shot three times in the back by her husband, Mrs. Maude O. Ames of Long Beach begged authorities for leniency for her husband, Frank O. Ames, 1308 West Twenty-second street, Los Angeles, held in the Long Beach city jail. The husband was believed to have shot his wife because of jealousy.

In a weak voice the woman, who was a patient in the Seaside hospital at Long Beach, pleaded with the police to "do nothing to my husband for this."

FIGHT FOR LIFE
Physicians of the hospital waged a hard battle today in an effort to save the woman's life. She was shot while returning to her home from work. She was accompanied by her 12-year-old son, who, "employing football tactics, grabbed his father around the legs and held him until help arrived.

When Ames was taken to the police station he was said to have told the police that he thought his wife was associating with another man. He was said to have shown police a picture of the alleged other man.

CHANCE TO LIVE
Surgeons of the Seaside hospital said the woman has a chance to recover.

Mrs. Ames was quoted as having said: "He's a good man, but jealousy makes him irresponsible. I hope that you won't be too rough with him."

PREPARE TO ASK BIDS
Preparations were made today by the board of public works to call for bids for construction of the Arroyo de la Sacatela storm sewer system. The bids will be opened April 14.

DETAILS OF PACT ARE REVEALED; FAR EAST ROW SETTLED

CONTINENTAL HALL, WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—A final settlement of the troublesome Shantung question, a potential source of war ever since the Versailles conference, was officially announced to the arms conference today by Secretary of State Hughes, at the same time that complete details of the naval disarmament treaty were disclosed.

Hughes sprang a surprise on the conference by announcing that a written agreement between Japan and China providing for the return of the Shantung province to China had been completed. He read the compact to the conference.

The draft was completed by the Japanese and Chinese conferees last night. This action makes certain that the end of the conference is near. Only the Chinese 21 demands remain to be settled.

PRESENT TREATY
The great five-power naval limitation treaty, scaling down ships of war, creating a naval holiday and intended to provide a basis for a sounder world peace, was presented to the plenary session of the arms conference for approval of the world.

In the marble D. A. R. hall where at the beginning of the conference Secretary of State Hughes let loose his bombshell proposal for world disarmament, today he gave the world the completed document which on the scrolls of time is destined to be regarded as the greatest attempt to curb naval armament made during the twentieth century.

Rounding it out was another treaty banning submarines as attackers of commerce and the use of poison gas in war.

Hughes laid the treaty before the fifth plenary session of the conference shortly after the opening at 11 o'clock.

SCRAPPING PLAN
Under the treaty the three great naval powers—the United States, Great Britain and Japan—will scrap 62 great capital ships of a total tonnage of 1,861,643. The smaller

GIRL BARES SLAVE RING AT BORDER

Startling revelations to the effect that many American girls are held captive in the underworld in Mexico were reported to have been made to the police and juvenile officers by Irene Arvizu, 15, 2521 East Fourth street, after she was picked up today in a dazed condition in Sunset boulevard.

That the girl-captives long to escape from their gilded cages but are blocked at every turn by their ever-vigilant guards, was a statement attributed to the Arvizu girl, who was said to have told officers that she by a bit of good fortune fled with a girl companion.

WANDERS IN STREET
The Arvizu girl came to the attention of the police when a telephone call to the receiving hospital stated that a hysterical girl was in Sunset boulevard. The girl was taken to the receiving hospital and treated. Later she was said to have told of the slave ring activities centering about Mexico in giving an account of her activities up until the time she was found in a dazed condition.

According to the statements, the girl was reported to have made to the authorities, she was enticed to

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MYSTERY GUNMAN KILLS FILM DIRECTOR TAYLOR

28 KILLED AS BLAST WRECKS MINE, IS REPORT

Rescuers Face Death to Reach Many Entombed by Explosion in Shaft

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 2.—Twenty-eight men, possibly more, are believed to have perished early today as a result of an explosion in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Co. at Gates, 15 miles from here. Company officials estimate that between 40 and 50 men are still missing and are believed to be entombed. Five bodies have been recovered.

About 1000 miners are employed in this mine, but the day shift had not reported on for duty when the explosion took place.

A relief train carrying doctors, nurses and undertakers left here this morning. Miners, acting as volunteer rescuers, are coming from various points.

RESCUERS AT WORK
 Rescuers are working frantically to dig through the mass of debris and reach the entombed men.

One statement by a company official said about 100 miners were at work at the time of the explosion, but that some had escaped by use of ropes and cables by which they clambered up the 250-foot shaft.

The entrance to the mine is a picture of horror. At the base of the shafts are the bodies of the five dead miners. They have not been identified. The bodies of some of the victims are charred so badly they probably never will be identified.

TROOPS TO AID
 Sam Brown, former Boston Braves' catcher, is directing the rescue work. His wife is aiding him. Brown is superintendent of the mine.

A body of state troopers was dispatched to the mine today to aid in the rescue and preserve order.

The mine in which the explosion occurred is the largest of the 43 mines of the H. C. Frick Coke Co.

**Heir to \$500,000
Held as Forger**

In default of \$3000 bail, Arthur Sulman, 22, who claims to have inherited recently a \$500,000 fortune from his grandmother, was held today in the Long Beach city jail as a forger suspect. Sulman said his grandmother died about a week ago in England.

52 Cardinals Meet to Name New Pontiff



CARDINAL GASPARRI.



CARDINAL LAFONTAINE.



CARDINAL MERCIER.



CARDINAL MEERY DEL VAL.



CARDINAL LERAFINO VANUTELLI.

Here Are Five of Catholic Prelates Who Are Meeting in Rome to Elect Successor of Benedict XV

U. S. Churchmen Fail to Reach Vatican in Time for Opening of Conclave

By International News Service
 ROME, Feb. 2.—The most important papal election in more than half a century began today when the conclave of 52 cardinals assembled in secret in the Vatican to ballot upon a successor to Benedict XV, late sovereign pontiff of the Church of Rome.

Upon the outcome of the election will depend whether a reconciliation is to be effected between the Vatican and the Italian state. It is expected that the first ballot will not be taken until tomorrow morning.

Eight cardinals were absent. Cardinal O'Connell of Boston and Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia are enroute to Rome but may arrive before the balloting is completed. The regulations permit the breaking of the seals on the doors of the Sistine chapel to admit tardy cardinals at any time. Even if they do not arrive in time to participate in the election, they will have a part in the coronation ceremonies.

TO BE 261ST POPE
 The absence of a cardinal does not prevent him from being elected Pope. The next supreme pontiff will be the 261st to occupy the holy chair of St. Peter.

A two-thirds majority of those voting is necessary to elect.

The ceremonies of the day began at 3:30 o'clock with a solemn high mass, celebrated by Cardinal Vanutelli, dean of the Sacred college in Poalina chapel.

Monsignor Galli read the traditional Latin address pro eligendo pontifice—exhorting the electors to discard personalities and seek inspiration from God.

All the cardinals had to take the ancient oath of secrecy, binding them to silence upon all that occurs within the sealed chapel. Also they are bound by solemn ecclesiastical oath to do nothing to hinder an election.

EXPECT HOT CONTEST
 The factional feeling in the sacred college made it certain that the election would be a difficult one, and indicated that the balloting would be long drawn out. Prediction.

TRACE BANDITS IN \$1500 L. A. ROBBERY

Hot clues to the identity of the three desperadoes, operating in an automobile, who held up R. W. Nelly and F. W. Peters, employees at Grauman's Rialto theater, at the intersection of Eighth street and Broadway, and robbed their victims of more than \$1500 in cash and 5000 theater tickets were being followed today by police detectives and deputy sheriffs.

Through a license number borne by the bandit machine, police believed today they would be able to locate persons with information relative to the bandits and their operations.

SPREAD NET
 Descriptions of the desperadoes, meanwhile, were given to patrolmen throughout the city, and authorities of small towns throughout the county were notified to be on the lookout for the men.

The bandits suddenly confronted Nelly and Peters at the northeast corner of Eighth and Broadway while pedestrians were passing nearby. They demanded that Nelly, who had the day's receipts of the Rialto theater, turn over the money bag, which he was taking to the main office of the Grauman Million Dollar theater.

Nelly complied with the demand of the bandits. The robbers then leaped into an automobile and sped east.

Peters and Nelly immediately set out in pursuit of the desperadoes in a machine driven by Walter Wilkinson, 1493 West Sixteenth street, but were outdistanced.

Nelly lives at 4147 Harvard street, Peters at 2050 Eagle avenue.

ROB STATIONS
 Police were also investigating today the holdup of a Ventura oil station at 601 South Catalina street, robbed of \$100.

An oil station at 1117 Pasadena avenue was also held up by bandits who took \$25 from Carl Miller, the manager.

4 Engineers Killed By Great Landslide On Mexican Project

By United Press
 SOMERTON, Ariz., Feb. 2.—Four men were killed outright and two probably fatally injured in a great landslide in the Valley of Mexico, near San Angel, according to advices received here today.

The slide occurred in La Barranca del Muerto (Canyon of Death).

The men killed and injured were engineers in the employ of the department of communications and public works of the Mexican federal government.

They were supervising an excavating project when one entire rock wall of the canyon crumbled upon them, today's dispatches said.

**P. O. Official in
Theater Crash Dies**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Edward H. Shaughnessy of Chicago, second assistant postmaster general, died in Garfield hospital this morning from injuries received in the Knickerbocker theater disaster here Saturday night.

Saughnessy made a game fight but his injuries proved too severe. Blood transfusions taken from sturdy young soldiers had made him rally for a time, but the fracture of the pelvis was so critical that the sacrifices were vain.

Ten Men Burned in Ship Explosion

By United Press
 NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Ten men were terribly burned in an explosion in the engine room of the Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of Scotland in the North river early today. The blast was declared to have been a "backdraft."

EXECUTIONER STRIKES
 BERLIN, Feb. 2.—The executioner at Baden prison wants more money for slaying convicts and was on a strike today.

ARBUCKLE JURORS STILL HELD UP ON DECISION

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—Both the state and the defense in the Roscoe Arbuckle manslaughter trial professed hope of a verdict from the jury today. Followers of the case were said to have made betting odds of 5 to 3 that there would be another "hung jury."

The jury, which has been out since late yesterday, was stirring around early today, ready for breakfast. Resumption of formal deliberation was begun today, but no verdict was reached on the early ballots.

Henry Ottenberg, an alternate juror, who was discharged when the 12 original jurors retired, expressed the belief that the count was 10 to 2 for acquittal. This seemed to be the prevailing belief, although Assistant District Attorney Leo Friedman was inclined to believe the division was more equal.

RETURN TWICE
 Twice the jury has come to the courtroom from the jury room. The first time the testimony of Josephine Keza, hotel chambermaid, was read to them. The second time they asked Judge Louderback to re-read his entire instructions.

Attorneys said this was the first time to their knowledge a jury had ever asked for the court's full instructions to be re-given.

Following the reading of these instructions a second time the jury retired and took another ballot with no result. Judge Louderback then ordered them locked up for the night.

A disagreement will mean a third trial, defense attorneys said.

STUNNING BLOW
 The failure of the jury to return a quick verdict of acquittal was a stunning blow to Arbuckle and his attorneys. So confident were they of the outcome that Gavin McNab submitted the case to the jury without argument.

Although the jury in the case had (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWELVE)

REVENGE MOTIVE IN SLAYING IS BELIEF; HUNT EX-EMPLOYEE

William Desmond Taylor, aged 50, prominent motion picture director and wealthy Englishman, was shot and killed by a mysterious gunman who entered his home at 404-B South Alvarado street during the night. The noted director was seated at his writing desk, according to the police.

The body of Taylor was found shortly after 8 a. m. by Henry Peavey, a colored servant employed by Taylor, when he arrived at the picturesque bungalow.

FIND BULLET WOUND
 Police detectives who first were sent to the place to investigate reported that Taylor had died of natural causes, presumably of a hemorrhage, and considerable time elapsed before they discovered there was a bullet wound in his back, beneath the left shoulder.

Neighbors then reported they had heard a pistol shot about 9 p. m. last evening, but thought nothing of it at the time.

Detective Sergeants W. Murphy, H. Cline, Tom Ziegler, H. J. Wallis and Fred Paragins immediately began a search for F. Sands, a former secretary and servant, who was reported to have robbed Taylor's place and for whom felony warrants were issued after the alleged robbery some time ago.

THEFT NOT MOTIVE
 Robbery evidently was not the motive of the slayer, for the police found \$75 in the pockets of Taylor, and the bungalow in which he resided had not been ransacked.

Taylor was last seen alive last night about 8 p. m., according to the police.

The neighbors who heard the shot believed it was the back-fire of an automobile and they observed nothing in the bungalow court in which the Taylor residence is situated that would lead them to believe there had been an unusual occurrence.

REVENGE CAUSE
 The slayer evidently entered the house and shot Taylor as he was working on his check book. The moving picture director dropped to the floor and death was caused by an internal hemorrhage.

Taylor's revolver was found in a drawer of the dresser in his bedroom on the second floor of the pretentious house. It had not been discharged and none of his personal effects had been disturbed. His jewelry, which was valued at several thousand dollars, was found in one of the dresser drawers by detectives.

The officers reported they are (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWELVE)

HOLD CONFAB ON ACCUSED DRY AGENTS

On a conference to be held today and on further questioning of a boy of 3 years will depend whether definite action will be taken by District Attorney Woolwine and Chief Deputy United States Attorney Heron on the charges that four prohibition enforcement officers beat and tortured James Flore at the time they arrested him in a liquor raid near Palms last Tuesday.

The boy is Emilio Ferraro and he now is in juvenile hall where the enforcement officers were declared to have taken him after the raid.

Flore is in the French hospital where he is said to be suffering from the alleged beating.

DENY MISTREATMENT
 C. H. Wheeler, J. A. Doyle, James Pierce and Clarence Parker are the officers who participated in the raid and they entered emphatic denials that Flore was mistreated. Wheeler asserted Flore was intoxicated at the time of the raid and that he talked too much.

The officers were accused of using the butt of their pistols as clubs at the time of the raid, to have broken into Flore's place, to have handcuffed him and beaten him. He was reported to be suffering from broken ribs.

SOLE WITNESS
 Young Ferraro was said to have been the sole witness to what actually occurred between Flore and the officers and he was to be called before District Attorney Woolwine and asked to tell in his own way just what he saw.

Before the officers entered Flore's home, witnesses declared they saw them strike him. They took him inside and, according to friends of (CONTINUED ON PAGE THIRTEEN)

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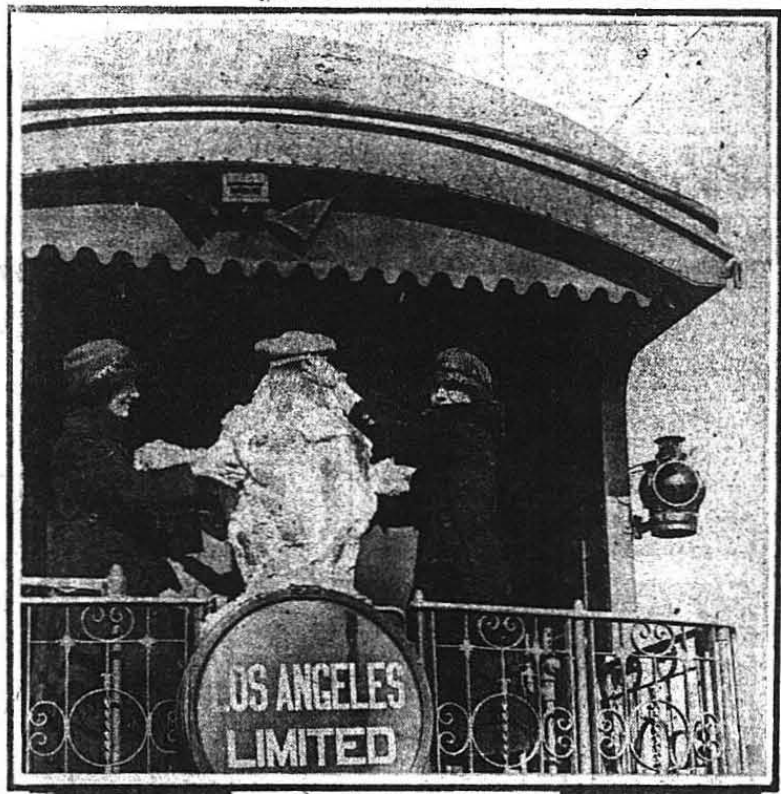
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BEAUTY HIRED SLAYER IN MURDER, IS CLAIM

Snow Man on Train Only One Disliking So Cal.

Hope to Break Arbuckle Jury Deadlock



Miss Bernice Bailey of New York, at Left; Mr. Snow Man, Now Deceased, Center, and Miss La Maire Tanner of Salt Lake City. The Snow Man Made a Trip from the East, but Melted Away in Southern California.

EXAMINE ALL 'FATTY' CASE EVIDENCE

Judges of Comedian's Fate Study Transcript; Ten Vote for Acquittal, Is Report

By International News Service
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—Although the belief is general that the result of the second manslaughter trial of Roscoe Arbuckle will again be a "hung jury," a faint ray of hope was held out today that agreement might be reached by the 11 men and 1 woman who have been deliberating on the comedian's fate for more than 46 hours.

The exhaustive examination being given the evidence by the jurors was the basis of the hope on the part of Arbuckle and his attorneys that a verdict will be reached. The jurors have had in the jury room since late yesterday the entire transcript of the testimony of the case.

DEADLOCK CONTINUES

On the first ballot taken today, however, the disagreement continued. Juror Lee Dolson was reported better today. A severe cold from which he was suffering caused the jurors to be taken to their hotel at 9:30 o'clock last night instead of at 11, as usual. They returned to their deliberations today at 9 a. m.

THINK 10 FOR ACQUITTAL

While there is an entire lack of information as to what has gone on in the jury room, some observers believe today that the count is now standing 10 to 2 for acquittal, as in the first trial, with one of the two willing to be won over if the twelfth can be convinced. The jurors apparently have retained their good humor, and are proceeding in their attempts to reach an agreement in a friendly fashion.

'Icy Gentleman' First of Type to Make Transcontinental Journey

When the crack Union Pacific-Los Angeles Limited topped the passes yesterday and commenced to drop down from winter into springtime, there was one passenger aboard who was not glad to get into Southern California. But he was the only one.

Taylor Death Recalls N. Y. Mystery

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The murder of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, in Los Angeles yesterday, recalled to New Yorkers the mysterious and as yet unsolved murder of Joseph B. Elwell, bridge whist king, more than a year ago. Both men were alone in their homes when an assassin's bullet snuffed out their lives.

Both men were popular with women and in some ways were "men of mystery," who might have been slain for any one of several motives.

In neither case was the slayer's weapon found nor was it apparent how entrance was gained to the home of the victim, all doors being locked at the time.

A woman is believed to be involved in the mystery.

German Ry. Strike May Force Crisis In Ruhr Dispute

By International News Service
BERLIN, Feb. 3.—The general railroad strike threatened today to spread to other branches of unionized industry. It is reported that the coal miners in the Ruhr district are taking a secret strike vote. If this threatened walkout materializes it may force France's hand, as France has been threatening military occupation of the Ruhr ever since the armistice.

South Ireland Asks Half of All Ulster

By United Press
LONDON, Feb. 3.—Irish extremists have forced Michael Collins to renounce a boundary agreement reached with Sir James Craig in London last night. The Ulster premier announced in a statement after a conference with Winston Churchill, minister of colonies, here today. The south now demands nearly half of all Ulster, Craig declared.

Says Ry. Unions to Attend Mine Meet

By United Press
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 3.—"It is quite certain the Big Four brotherhoods of railway workers will attend the joint conference with mine union officials proposed by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America," Warren S. Stone, chief of the locomotive engineers, said today.

EXPECT NEW RECORD

DETROIT, Feb. 3.—A new record for the 100-yard back-stroke swim for women is expected to be set here tomorrow night, when the championship event is staged.

WOMAN SCORNE, NEW THEORY IN TAYLOR KILLING

A beautiful mystery woman who may have been the central figure in a love vengeance plot, and a man who presumably was the actual slayer, were the outstanding figures today in the police investigation into the assassination of William Desmond Taylor, noted motion picture director, who was slain in his home at 404-B South Alvarado street.

Squads of detectives worked during the day on seven phases of the murder mystery and it was declared, that practically all clues involved the names of the man and the woman.

In the latest police theoretical construction of the murder plot the woman was placed in the role of the beauty with whom the actual slayer was believed to have been madly infatuated.

HIRED ASSASSIN

On the other hand, the detectives were declared to have obtained evidence that the "woman in the case" was in love with Taylor and it was believed she may have inspired the slaying possibly because the director had remained passive in his attitude towards her.

"We believe the man, and it is presumed Taylor was shot down by a man, was a hired assassin and that he probably was hired for the slaying—by a woman scorned, or at least ignored," one detective stated.

Detectives who have worked constantly on the case since the body of Taylor was found in the study of his pretentious home early yesterday took charge of the probe of outstanding clues.

GIVE UP VALET THEORY

They were Detectives Herman Cline, Wiley Murphy, J. A. Winn, H. J. Wallis, Tom Ziegler, E. R. Cato and William Cahill.

For the time being the latest developments have placed in the background the earlier theory that Edward F. Sands, a former secretary and valet of the slain man, may have had some knowledge of the crime.

Detective Sergeant Herman Cline stated that he would hold a lengthy conversation with Taylor's chauffeur and trace his recent visits to Hollywood and other places.

Other detectives investigated the report that Taylor had attended several so-called parties at which narcotics were served from tea wagons for the purpose of obtaining local color for his pictures. The slaying, the police point out, may have been the aftermath of such a party.

TO RECONSTRUCT PAST
One of the detectives spent the day at a Hollywood studio, where Taylor was the leading director. The purpose of the visit of the detective to the place was to gather up bits of information which will help to reconstruct the past.

DENY PICTURE INDUSTRY TO QUIT L. A.

An alleged plan to move the headquarters of the motion picture world from Los Angeles to Long Island, said to have been proposed by Will H. Hays, which was revealed in dispatches from New York today, came as a complete surprise to the motion picture producers of this city who were most influential in securing the services of the postmaster general for the industry.

Not only were local producers astonished by the reported moving program accredited to Hays, but they were firm in their denials that such an action would be taken by the companies they controlled.

The dispatches state that the Hays plan was to have all motion picture companies abandon Hollywood for a new colony on Long Island and was tentatively adopted some time ago.

In the center of this new eastern colony, the dispatches state, it is planned to have a community church. It is also said that the plan was given added impetus by the "news of the murder of William D. Taylor."

Local producers discredit this statement, which they declare is a malicious attempt to blacken the name of Los Angeles. They point out that there was no scandal attached to the assassination of Taylor and state that he was one of the most honorable men of the profession.

They also cite the fact that Hollywood is filled with churches of all denominations which are widely attended by members of the motion picture profession.

PUBLIC DEBT DECREASES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The public debt of the United States was \$12,238,544,325, a decrease of \$10,000,000 from a month previous, according to Secretary Mellon.

NELSON WINS MATCH
WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 3.—C. L. Nelson of Walla Walla defeated Ray McCarroll in their wrestling match here last night.

22 BODIES IN MINE BLAST RECOVERED

By International News Service
BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 3.—Twenty-two bodies had been removed from the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Co., at Gates, Pa., up to 9 o'clock this morning. The total number of men killed by the great blast Thursday morning is uncertain. Company officials claim 35 will be the limit. On the other hand, rescuers this morning reported they saw seven more bodies, which would bring the total to 22.

Early Action to Halt U. S. Warship Work Is Expected

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Congressional action to halt construction of American battleships as provided by the arms conference is expected soon.

Mellon Hits Plan to Raise Vet Bonus

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—For "soldiers' bonus" again lay dormant and bleeding at the entrance to the United States treasury department today. Secretary Andrew Mellon had hurled his verbal bombs accurately. He said: "Funds with which to pay a soldiers' bonus must be raised by internal taxes. It would not be practical to depend on the proceeds of the proposed funding of \$11,000,000, which temporary nations are the United States."

FIRST BALLOT FOR NEW POPE ENDS IN FAILURE

ROME, Feb. 3.—A thin column of black smoke issuing from the Sistine chapel chimney this morning proclaimed that the conclave of Roman Catholic cardinals had taken its first ballot in the election of a new Pope, without making a selection. Another ballot will be taken late in the afternoon.

Princess to Give Up Throne Rights

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Love has surmounted the walls of royalty. Princess Mary will give up all rights to succession on the throne of England when she becomes the bride of Viscount Lascelles. It was officially known today with the signing of the marriage contract, the chief point of which was the "renunciation clause."

Elect President of International Court

By United Press
THE HAGUE, Feb. 3.—Dr. B. C. J. Lodice of Holland was today elected first president of the permanent court of international justice established by the League of Nations.

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NATIONS APPROVE CHINA PACT

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FILM STARS WITNESSES AT INQUEST ON MURDER

9 POWERS AGREE ON FAREAST TREATY

Pledge Square Deal to Flowery Kingdom; Pekin Promises Open Door

CONTINENTAL HALL, WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The great powers of the world today pledged themselves to deal fairly with China.

The pledge was contained in a nine-powered treaty presented to the sixth plenary session of the arms conference by Secretary of State Hughes and adopted within five minutes after the session got under way this morning.

China herself is a party to the agreement and upon her own part she pledges herself not to grant preferential rights to any nation and to do her utmost to see that all nations have equal economic opportunities within her far-flung borders.

SEEK STABILITY

The treaty itself was composed of nine sections, following a preamble, which stated that its purpose was to "stabilize conditions in the far east," in insure the maintenance of equal opportunity for all nations (open door) in China.

Briefly summarized, the treaty follows:

The powers pledge themselves to respect the territorial, administrative and political integrity of China and to do their utmost to maintain the "open door."

PLEDGES COME FIRST

The powers pledge themselves not to enter into any agreements with each other which would prevent their carrying out these pledges.

The powers agree not to support their nationals in attempting to secure any preferential treatment from China herself.

The powers pledge themselves not to support their nationals in any attempts to secure "spheres of influence."

Realty Values Jump 1000 Pct, Since 1900

Real estate as a whole within the city of Los Angeles shows an increase of almost 1000 per cent in value since 1900 while the increase in population meanwhile was about 500 per cent.

In looking over the old advertisements in the real estate columns of 20 years ago the reader finds such "bargains" as:

"Lot, 45x100, on Eighth street between Spring and Broadway, \$7000."

It would be impossible to talk the present owner out of this same lot for less than \$100,000.

Another old advertisement offers: "Large lot, 50x145 feet, on the west side of Olive street, near Tenth, snap at \$4000."

If you desire to possess this lot today it will cost you \$90,000.

Here was a wonderful chance to double your money: "For sale—my 18 lots on East First street, near Nait Lake terminal, walking distance; buy these 18 lots for \$2500 and double your money."

Would you buy this if it was offered to you today as it was offered in 1901?

"Five-room cottage and barn, large lot, on Los Angeles street, near Fifth. Price \$3000."

German Govt. and Labor Negotiate To Avoid Strike

By International News Service

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—Suddenly changing front, German trade union leaders who had been advocating a general strike in support of the striking rail men, entered into conciliatory negotiations with the government today.

Chancellor Wirth issued a proclamation warning that a general strike would certainly be disastrous to Germany and perhaps to the Geneva economic conference.

He summoned all strikers to return to work at once, pledging that the government will treat with the workers and give their demands due consideration.

Foreign Debt Bill Put Before Harding

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—President Harding today had the bill for refunding the \$1,000,000,000 foreign debt to the United States. It was passed by the house late yesterday and by the senate at a previous time. Although the President at one time made faint objections to the act, it is expected he will sign it.

BUY "PEACE DOLLARS"

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Messenger boys in Wall street are buying the new "peace dollars" today, believing the issue will be recalled because of its design and they will be paid a premium on each.

SEEK ENVOY TO IRELAND

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Representative Rainey of Illinois today urged members of the house to appoint an American ambassador to Ireland.

COYOTE POISONING

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 4.—Charles A. Staple will be in charge of coyote poisoning demonstrations for the state, it was announced today.

Bandit Pair Race Victims Mile to Rob Them

HOLD UP 4 IN WILD AUTO CHASE

Two Women Returning from Beach with Escorts Are Forced Into Ditch

Pursued for more than a mile by two automobile bandits, R. Zuber of 2500 West Eighth street and several friends, were halted and robbed today in one of the most daring highway robberies reported to the police during the past year.

The bandits obtained \$400 in money and valuables, according to the Wilshire police.

Zuber, Mrs. M. E. Comeaux, Mrs. Q. R. Tucker of Taft and Paul Osborne of Paso Robles were returning to Los Angeles from a resort near Venice when the two automobile bandits commanded them to stop.

AUTO RACE

Zuber declined to comply with the bandit command and sped up his automobile. For more than a mile the bandits pursued Zuber, frequently drawing along side of him and threatening to shoot if he failed to stop.

In a thrilling incident rivaling the movies, one of the bandits leaped from the running board of the speeding bandits' car onto Zuber's automobile while the cars were traveling at a rate of speed estimated at 40 miles an hour.

Thrusting a revolver against Zuber's body, the bandit compelled him to drive his car into the ditch. Zuber was robbed of a valuable gold watch, chain and \$20 in a wallet.

ROB WOMAN

Mrs. Comeaux was robbed of a purse and a sum of money. The bandit took a wallet containing \$120 from Osborne and Mrs. Tucker was robbed of her valuable Russian fur coat.

After robbing the men and women the bandits commanded them to drive away at top speed. Then the highwaymen uttered threats that they would harm the victims if a report was made to the police. The bandits drove toward Venice after the robbery.

Zuber drove to the Wilshire police station, where he described the robbery to Detectives Knowles and W. E. Long.

Police Captain R. Lee Heath sent out officers armed with sawed-off shotguns, but no trace of the bandits was found.

LINCOLN CO. PURCHASED BY FORD

\$8,000,000 Paid by Motor Magnate for Plant; Big Price Cut Announced

DETROIT, Feb. 4.—Henry Ford today purchased the Lincoln Motors Co. for \$8,000,000.

The plants of the huge concern were sold at a bankruptcy sale.

The winning bid was made by P. H. Emons, representing the Ford interests combined with those of the Leland people, who formerly owned the concern.

Ford announced that he would buy the company because of his friendship for the Leland and keep that family in direct charge of the management of the company.

PICTURESQUE SCENE

The sale was in a picturesque setting. More than 3000 persons gathered around the steps of the plant to witness the auction, conducted by W. S. Sayre, special master, appointed by the bankruptcy court.

The big crowd was disappointed, however, in its anticipation of spirited bidding between Ford and representatives of two other interests who had qualified to make offers.

The great plant went under the hammer for \$8,000,000 to Ford without a contest.

NO OTHER BIDDERS

E. T. Berger and George B. Judson, the representatives of other interests, did not make offers. Berger informed Sayre:

"I have received instructions not to bid on this property in view of the legal difficulties which we are likely to encounter if we are the successful bidders."

Judson merely informed the master in chancery he had no bid to offer.

Following the purchase of the Lincoln company by Ford, plans for the reorganization of the motor car concern went forward with dispatch.

ANNOUNCE PRICE CUT

The greatest slash in automobile prices ever announced was made by the Lincoln company.

Prices of all models were slashed, varying from \$300 to \$1200.

Announcement of the cut was made by Henry M. Leland, president of the concern, who will be retained in charge of the company under Ford's ownership.

ASK COAL PRICE CUT

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Lower coal prices were today sought by the League for Industrial Democracy.



Elsie Ferguson, screen celebrity, photographed with William D. Taylor, slain film director.

HAYS TO SAVE MILLIONS ON FILM DISTRIBUTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Pushing a \$50,000,000 load off the shoulders of the motion picture producers each year will be the first move of the Hays regime.

By a radical change in the method of distributing the films to exhibitors, a system of triplicate handling in shipment will be eliminated. It will cost between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 to put the new plan in effect.

POLICE SPREAD NET FOR EX-SECRETARY OF SLAIN DIRECTOR

While the police announced that new and conclusive evidence had been uncovered during the night and that the motive for the crime had been established, hundreds of persons today fought for entrance to the Ivy H. Overholzer funeral parlors to listen to evidence introduced at the inquest over the body of William Desmond Taylor, noted film director, assassinated in his home at 404B South Alvarado street Wednesday night.

Squads of police officers struggled to maintain order in the street at Tenth and Hill streets, in front of the funeral parlors, while motion picture celebrities drove up in expensive automobiles and were ushered inside as witnesses.

SEARCH CENTERED

In the meantime the police today centered their efforts on the case in locating Edward F. Sands, former secretary of Taylor. He is wanted as a vital witness in the case.

Adding a new sensation to the case, Captain of Detectives David L. Adams issued a guarded and rather mystic statement in which he declared that his officers, working secretly and making the supposed slayer believe suspicion had been directed elsewhere, had woven an unbreakable chain of evidence about the actual slayer.

Every available officer whose presence was not necessary at the inquest was detailed in checking over new evidence in searching for Sands.

CORONER IN CHARGE

Coroner Nance was in charge of the examination of witnesses at the inquest. He was assisted by officers in charge of the case, who directed film stars and others summoned as witnesses to seats in the room where the initial hearing of the murder case was heard.

Hours before the inquest was opened a throng of curious began to gather at points of vantage from which they might hear the testimony, or at least watch motion picture stars who had been summoned.

Lesser lights of filmdom mingled with the numerous persons obliged to remain outside the crowded quarters of the undertaking parlors.

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FAIL TO NAME PONTIFF ON 3RD BALLOT

By International News Service

ROME, Feb. 4.—The third ballot for a new Pope to succeed the late Benedict XV was taken by the conclave of cardinals in the Vatican this morning without any candidate receiving the two-thirds majority necessary to elect.

For the third time since Friday morning, black smoke, the signal of no election, issued from the Sistine chapel chimney.

A small smoke cloud puffed from the chimney at 11:35 o'clock announcing to the assembled watchers that the papal electors had not yet agreed upon a new occupant for the chair of St. Peter.

Great crowds filled the roofs and windows of the buildings flanking St. Peter's square awaiting the signal.

It was generally believed that the deadlock, which was known to exist in the sacred college, might not be broken until Sunday or Monday.

Ballooning will continue if necessary. The election will follow the usual procedure with two ballots taken daily, one in the morning and another in the afternoon. It was reported Friday that four ballots would be taken daily, but this is untrue.

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START MRS. OBENCHAIN TRIAL

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RATTI ELECTED NEW POPE FIND NEW WITNESS IN MURDER

ITALIAN IS NAMED AS PONTIFF ON 7TH BALLOT

Huge Crowd Cheers Choice of Cardinal Who Favors Reconciliation With State

ROME, Feb. 6.—Cardinal Ratti, archbishop of Milan, today was elected Pope of the Roman Catholic church on the seventh ballot. He is an Italian and is understood to favor reconciliation between the Vatican and the state.

Shortly after 12 o'clock the new pontiff—Pope Pius XI, as he will be known after he is formally crowned—stepped upon the Vatican balcony facing St. Peter's square.

The vast crowd which filled the forecourt knelt in reverence to receive the papal blessing. The Italian soldiers presented arms during the ceremony.

CROWD SEES SIGNAL
Throughout the morning great crowds had waited expectantly in St. Peter's square. As noon drew near all eyes were strained upon the Sistine chapel chimney.

Shortly after 11:30 o'clock a thin wisp of smoke emerged from the chimney. There was a hush, for the general expectation was that it would turn to an oily black, the signal of no election. On the contrary, it continued a light gray.

Immediately a loud shout went up and the crowd made a rush forward to get as close as possible to the balcony upon which it is customary for the new pontiff to appear and bless the assembled multitude.

GETS TWO-THIRDS VOTE
When the signing of the ballots in the secret conclave in the Sistine chapel showed that the necessary majority of two-thirds had been reached by Cardinal Ratti, the secretary of the conclave, the masters of ceremony and the secretaries of the



Cardinal Ratti, Elected New Pope. Photo by Keystone View Co.

HARDING HAILS NEW ERA AS ARMS CONFAB ENDS

CONTINENTAL HALL, WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The Washington conference passed into history at 11:15 a. m., with the echoes of its praise as "the greatest step in history toward world peace" ringing in the ears of the chief figures in the three months' drama.

The end of the long and arduous grind was simple, and lacking in the dramatic tenseness that might be expected to accompany such a momentous event in the world's history. It was very much like a group of tired and happy workmen laying down their tools after the whistle had blown at the end of the day's work.

The final session of the conference itself was short and extremely businesslike. Signing the five treaties was begun immediately after the conference opened at 10:10 a. m., and it was completed in half an hour. Then President Harding took the center of the stage and briefly bespoke his praise and gratitude at the achievements of the meeting.

ADJOURNS CONFERENCE
There was a solemn hush when the applause that greeted his remarks had died away. Then the

Rev. John S. Abernathy, pastor of President Harding's church, said a brief benediction, asking divine blessing on the works of the parley. Amid the rustle and stir of the audience that always marks the end of a prayer, boomed out the voice of Chairman Hughes:

"The conference is adjourned sine die."
And that was all. The whole session lasted an hour and five minutes. The text of President Harding's address follows:

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Conference: Nearly three months ago it was my privilege to utter to you sincerest words of welcome to the capital of our republic, to suggest the spirit in which you were invited and to intimate the atmosphere in which you were asked to confer. In a general way, perhaps, I ventured to express a hope for the things toward which our aspirations led us.

PREDICTS BETTER EPOCH
"Today it is my great privilege and an even greater pleasure to come to make acknowledgment. It is one of the supreme compensations of the work of the conference."

DEFENSE IS SEEKING MAN JURY

Judge Denies Defense Plea to Bar Burch Talesmen in Case of Woman

Madalynne Obenchain, smiling faintly and a trifle nervous, lost the first point in her case when her trial on a charge of plotting the murder of J. Belton Kennedy the man she claims she loved, began today before Superior Judge Reeve. Attorneys for Mrs. Obenchain began the trial with an objection to the calling of prospective jurors who were on the panel at the trial of Arthur C. Burch, Mrs. Obenchain's co-defendant in the case. They contended that the Burch case jurors had served their time and were ineligible for service in Mrs. Obenchain's trial.

CALL FIRST JUROR
Deputy District Attorney Keyes submitted the question to Judge Reeve without argument and the court ruled against the defense, holding that the jurors were eligible for service.

At the start of the trial today it was rumored that Mrs. Maybelle Roe, who has been granted a new trial after being convicted of murder in connection with the slaying of McCullough Graydon, would testify for the prosecution regarding conversations with Mrs. Obenchain held in the county jail.

Harry Hammond Beal, publicity agent, was the first prospective juror called to the box.

DEATH PENALTY
As the attorneys and others involved in the case assembled in the courtroom, it was reported that District Attorney Woolwine planned to begin the trial with an unqualified demand that the death penalty be inflicted upon Mrs. Obenchain.

Woolwine's demand for the extreme penalty was expected to be disclosed when he questioned the prospective jurors. It was anticipated that he would ask Judge Reeve to excuse those of the prospective jurors who stated they were unalterably opposed to capital punishment.

SEEK "MAN" JURY
In the court room, which was crowded to the doors, Mrs. Obenchain was met by "Steady Ralph" Obenchain, her divorced husband, who appeared as one of her attorneys. She shook hands with Jud Bush, chief of her counsel, and his associates, Al MacDonald and S. W. Thompson.

More than a hundred men and women appeared as prospective jurors in the case. The majority of

Third Trial for 'Fatty' Starts March 13

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle will go on trial a third time for manslaughter here March 13.

This date was fixed today by Judge Harold Londerback when the heavyweight comedian appeared before him.

The date was suggested by Gavin McNab, Arbuckle's chief of counsel, and concurred in by state counsel.

U. S. 'Flu' Epidemic Fears Are Allayed By Surgeon General

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Surgeon General Hugh Fleming of the public health service allayed the fears of the country today. He asserted there was little danger of an epidemic of influenza sweeping the United States as in 1918, because, he said, the rule discovered by science through long experience with the disease told of a gradual increase to an epidemic crest and then an equally slow decline. The appearance of influenza and pneumonia in New York this winter is not to be dreaded by the rest of the country, according to Dr. Fleming.

Italian Deputy to Form New Cabinet

By International News Service
ROME, Feb. 6.—President De Nicola of the Italian chamber of deputies today consented to attempt the formation of a new ministry to succeed the resigned Bonomi cabinet. For three days efforts had been made to find some one to undertake the creation of a new cabinet. Italy has been without a cabinet four days.

Liquor vs. Wife, Is Alleged in Divorce

When the pressure in the home against the alleged intemperance of Joseph Volz became too strong, he left, according to the testimony today of Eleanor Volz, who was granted a divorce by Judge McCulloch. "I wouldn't give up drinking for the best woman on earth," witnesses quoted Volz as saying.

SEVEN NEW COURSES
Seven new courses carrying advanced standings will be inaugurated here by the University of California extension division within two weeks. It was announced today. The courses will include American government, labor problems, English, Spanish, vocational training, physical training and history.

PRESS HUNT FOR EX-SECRETARY OF W.D. TAYLOR

"Charge Edward F. Sands with the murder of William Desmond Taylor or eliminate him, once and for all, from the investigation."

Captain of Detectives David L. Adams, in charge of the score of sleuths seeking Taylor's assassin, issued that order today to the police homicide squad after a man whose name was withheld stated that he had seen Sands near the fashionable court in which Taylor resided shortly after the noted motion picture director was slain, presumably about 8 o'clock last Wednesday night.

The new witness was reported to have given other information to the authorities which caused them to intensify their search for Sands and convinced them that the former valet-secretary of the noted director must be either charged with the slaying or definitely eliminated before progress can be made in the investigation.

IDENTIFIES PHOTO

The new witness, was said to have identified Sands' photograph as that of the man he observed near the bungalow court in which Taylor and other film luminaries resided. He was said to have kept the suspect under surveillance for some time, watching his unusual actions. When approached, the suspect was said to have fled.

While several of the detectives assigned to the probe were agreed that Sands might be able to give important information and that Taylor might have been slain for revenge, some of the investigators adhered to the belief that the director was murdered in a "love triangle," and they redoubled their efforts in delving into the maze of clues and data obtained.

POLICE FRICTION

There was some friction in the police probe of the slaying today and it was reported that certain detectives had asked to be given other assignments rather than continue investigating the murder with asserted misunderstandings existing.

Several detectives were inclined to the theory that the person who slew Taylor may have been mentally unbalanced, and qualified their remarks regarding that phase of the probe by discussing confidential reports obtained today from the mystery witness who called at detective headquarters and who was said to have stated he saw Sands near the scene of the slaying late Wednesday night.

CLEW TO LETTERS

A clew regarding what became of the letters and telegrams said to have been in Taylor's dresser drawer, written by Mabel Normand, film actress, was given as the motive for the crime.

LATEST NEWS

KIBELE RESIGNS FROM HARBOR COMMISSION

The resignation of O. B. Kibele as a member of the municipal harbor commission was accepted today by Mayor Cryer. Kibele's withdrawal was presented by President McKee of the commission. It was undated and was understood to have been in McKee's possession since he introduced Kibele to the mayor as a prospective member of the commission.

SANTA FE TO SPEND \$43,150,000 ON ROAD

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe will spend \$43,150,000 for improvements, betterments, equipment and new track during the coming year, President W. B. Storey announced today. During the last year \$35,000,000 was spent.

L. A. MAN SLAIN WEDS PAULINE IN HOTEL AT EL CENTRO FREDERICK IN SECRET

By United Press
EL CENTRO, Feb. 6.—Rex Samples, Los Angeles vegetable commission man, was shot and killed here today at a local hotel. Philip Breedlove, local contractor, gave himself up immediately following the slaying and is said to have admitted the shooting.

According to eye-witnesses seated in the lobby of the hotel, Breedlove walked into the hotel carrying a double-barreled shotgun. Samples saw him approaching and ran for safety. Before he could escape Breedlove fired on him. It is alleged, the shot striking him in the shoulder and knocking him down. Instantly Breedlove is said to have stood over the victim, placing the muzzle of the gun at Samples' head, and firing. Death was instantaneous.

Jealousy over attentions Samples is said to have been paying Mrs. Breedlove is given as the motive for the crime.

BRITISH STAGE THREATS

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Representatives of the British stage are threatened by the United States armaments in an attempt to bar foreign artists.

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U. S. JOINS HUNT FOR SANDS IN FILM DEATH

Kennedy Sr. to Tell Love Row

3 Men Held for Trial in Alleged Fire Bomb Plot

TAYLOR'S EX-VALET DEFINITELY LINKED IN MURDER, IS CLAIM

4 MISSING AS LINER IS LOST AT SEA

Northern Pacific Bought For Use on Coast Swept by Flames Off Sandy Hook

Abandoned by her crew and burning with a fierceness that threatens to burst the iron sides, the palatial liner Northern Pacific, which was to have been operated between Los Angeles and Puget sound ports by the Pacific Steamship Co., was a total loss off Sandy Hook today.

The big liner, purchased from the government a few months ago for \$1,000,000, left Hoboken last night for Chester, Pa., where she was to undergo repairs prior to her departure for this coast in May.

Burning Liner Known as 'Hoodoo Ship'

By International News Service
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The former army transport Northern Pacific, burning at sea 100 miles south of Sandy Hook, is known in army and navy circles as the "hoodoo ship" of the government service.

An atmosphere of disaster has hovered over the vessel ever since she was put into service.

Army and navy men shook their heads today over the news that she is now burning. "The old hoodoo is still working," they said.

Crew Imperiled as Ship Goes Aground During Snow Squall

By United Press
PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Feb. 8.—The British steamer Thistlemore, with a crew of 51 men and a heavy cargo, was aground on Race Point, three miles from here, early today.

The vessel went ashore in a snow squall and is being battered by terrific seas, which make it impossible to launch lifeboats.



Iolanda Cattaneo, Interpreter, Explaining Fire Bombs to Justice Baird at Hearing

KENNEDY, SR., TO BARE LOVE ROW IN TRIAL

Startling new testimony will be given by J. D. Kennedy, father of J. Belton Kennedy, during the trial of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, charged with the murder of Kennedy. It was learned today, when the completion of the jury in the case was expected within a few hours.

Testimony concerning an alleged "fire bomb plot" in which it was charged, Mike Marcello, George Neoto and James Pisutto sought to burn up the Daylight candy factory to obtain \$3000 insurance, resulted today in the trio being ordered held for trial in the superior court after a preliminary hearing before Justice W. S. Baird.

Under questioning by Deputy District Attorney James P. Costello through Iolanda Cattaneo, acting as interpreter, numerous witnesses drawn from "Little Italy" told of the circumstances surrounding the burning of the candy factory.

The forces of the United States government today joined with the Los Angeles police and sheriff's departments in making a nationwide search for Edward F. Sands, former secretary-valet, who is wanted in connection with the mysterious murder of William Desmond Taylor, prominent motion picture director.

The government, according to dispatches from Washington, took up the search on orders of the war department, as Sands also is wanted as a deserter from the army. Announcement of this phase of the case was made at the adjutant general's office in Washington.

In this connection, Captain of Detectives David Adams made the flat statement today that secret information in his possession positively links Sands with the slaying and that the police were concentrating their efforts upon a search for the former secretary.

POSITIVE INFORMATION
"We have obtained secret information that virtually solves the murder," Capt. Adams stated. "We are entering our efforts on the location of Sands. This information has not been made public, nor will it be, but it is positive in its character."

Both Mabel Normand and Mary Miles Minter, film actresses, who have taken a prominent part in the case, remained in seclusion today at their homes.

At the same time police detectives began a complete re-check of evidence at hand and during the day again quizzed a number of persons who figured in the early stages of the probe.

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NEW 'HOT TIP' REPORTED IN MURDER

Detective sergeants hurried from police headquarters in an automobile during the morning on a new "hot tip" in connection with the W. D. Taylor murder mystery. Officials declined to comment on the hurried trip, but it was known they considered it of great importance.

HARDING PRESENTS PAC. SHIP MERGER PLAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Administration plans for a gigantic steamship merger on the Pacific coast, to operate under the government's proposed subsidy for the American merchant marine, were laid before a score of Pacific coast shipping magnates at the White House today by President Harding. The shipping men were presented by A. D. Lasker, chairman of the shipping board.

HAYS COMING TO L. A. FOR FILM INSPECTION

Will H. Hays, the newly made czar of America's filmdom, will come to Los Angeles about April 1 and will make a complete investigation of film conditions here. This news came this morning over the wires from the East.

18 KIDNAPED IN NEW IRELAND OUTBREAKS

By International News Service
BELFAST, Feb. 8.—A violent wave of fighting, raiding and kidnapping rolled through the Ulster counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh today.

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GRILL TAYLOR VALET IN NEW PROBE OF MURDER

Madalynne, Tired Out, Seeks Trial Delay FIRE WRECKS PASADENA SCHOOL

Thumb Prints to Play Part in Slaying

REPORT MURDER GUN FOUND NEAR HOME OF SLAIN DIRECTOR

PUPILS FIND BUILDING SWEEP BY BLAZE

Defective Heating Apparatus Causes Nearly \$70,000 Damage to Structure

Fire starting from defective heating apparatus badly damaged the McKinley grammar school, Center street and Oak Knoll avenue Pasadena, causing a loss estimated at between \$60,000 and \$70,000. There was no one in the school when it burned.

The structure, which was constructed of wood and brick, burned rapidly, despite the valiant efforts of the members of the Pasadena fire department, who waged a hard fight against the flames. The building was two stories high.

Discovery of the fire was made about 2 o'clock this morning, when tongues of flame were seen through windows by persons living in the vicinity.

Many children did not learn of the blaze and were astonished this morning on arriving at the school ground to find the second story had been burned and the first damaged.

Business Section Of Montreal Swept By Conflagration

By International News Service
MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 9.—Fire today in the Standard Life Insurance building threatened to spread to the Montreal Standard and Star building and other surrounding properties. Immense clouds of smoke prevented spectators accurately estimating the spread of the conflagration, which is the worst the downtown district has known in years.

The Standard Life building was gutted and at 10 a. m. the fire was still raging uncontrolled. The loss at that hour was estimated at \$600,000.

"AIR COPS" NAB MAN
CALEXICO, Feb. 9.—A man who failed to answer a summons to court was arrested by officers who landed in his back yard with a plane.

Harding Signs Foreign Debt Refunding Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—President Harding today signed the administration foreign debt refunding bill.

The bill, which now becomes law, authorizes the President to proceed to the appointment of a World War debt commission of five members to negotiate the terms under which the United States will collect the \$11,000,000,000 owed this government by foreign governments.

Former Premier of Italy Is Unable to Form New Cabinet

By International News Service
ROME, Feb. 9.—Former Premier Orlando reported to King Victor Emmanuel at 10 o'clock that he was unable to form a cabinet and declined to continue further efforts.

It was understood that Signor Meda, a leader of the popular party would be called upon to attempt the formation of a ministry in the event of his failure, two alternatives were seen.

Offer of the premiership to Signor Bonomi, who resigned that office last Thursday or dissolution of parliament to be followed by a general election.

Labor Federation to Stand by Miners if Strike Is Called

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The American Federation of Labor intends to support staunchly the miners should a nation-wide coal strike come.

That organization holds, too, it is up to organized labor to see that railroad and mining are restored to proper functioning and properly serving the people of the country.

President Samuel Gompers of the A. F. of L. made these points clear today in an interview with the United Press.

\$250,000 Blaze Sweeps Scranton

By International News Service
SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 9.—Two buildings were gutted and two firemen overcome by smoke during a fire which swept through the heart of the business district early today. Firemen said the damage might reach \$250,000.

RECESS PLEA BY KENNEDY SUSPECT

Mrs. Obenchain Near Exhaustion as Battle of Choosing Jury Nears End

Almost at the point of exhaustion from her "battle of wits" with the prosecution in selecting a jury to try her on the charge of murdering J. Helton Kennedy, Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain went into court this morning ready to ask for an adjournment for the rest of the day the moment the jury was completed.

It was confidently expected that a few hours would see the end of the work of selecting the 12 jurors, with the thirteenth alternate completed.

"I would give anything for a walk or a ride in the fresh air," said Mrs. Obenchain at the opening of court this morning.

LOSING STRENGTH
"After six months in jail I find this business of selecting a jury sapping my reserve strength and if we can get a jury by noon I shall suggest to my attorneys that we ask permission to read for the afternoon. I want to be in the best possible condition when the taking of testimony begins."

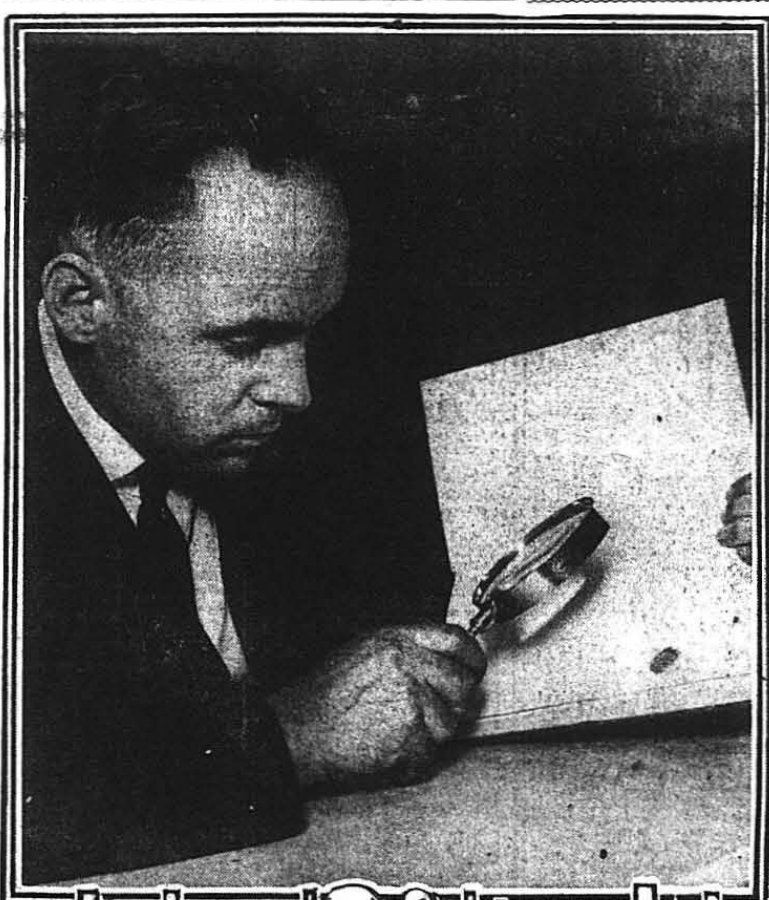
Deputy District Attorneys Asa Keyes and Charles Fricke, representing the state, announced their opposition to any recess.

With the completion of the jury today the state was prepared to open its case by placing J. D. Kennedy, father of the slain man, on the stand to tell of the last time he saw his son alive on the afternoon of August 5, the date of the murder, and one of the circumstances leading up to the death of his son.

CRISIS FOR WOMAN
The moment when the bereaved father of the slain man takes the stand is expected to be the most trying one of the entire trial for Mrs. Obenchain. This will come when the state will bring out a large photograph of the head and shoulders of the body of young Kennedy, and the father will be asked to identify it as a picture of his dead son.

Mrs. Obenchain will be called upon to go through no more trying ordeal than to gaze upon this photograph of her former sweetheart as it is being exhibited in the court room.

The prospect for a jury came



Detective H. Glen Piester Examining Fingerprint Found in Book from Home of Taylor

200 KIDNAPED IN RAIDS BY ARMED IRISH BANDS

BELFAST, Feb. 9.—Fighting which accompanied wholesale raids and kidnappings in the southern counties of Ulster province has spread to Belfast and one man was killed here early today. There was demolitory firing in the streets throughout the night.

Dublin castle, now controlled by the Irish provisional government, is understood to have telegraphed the Ulster commandant of the Irish Republican army and his staff ordering them to investigate the outbreak of which which began today.

200 KIDNAPED
Sir R. Dawson Bates, M. P., minister of home affairs in the Ulster government, estimated that about 200 persons were kidnaped.

The Ulster government has been promised the assistance of British troops if the troubles grow worse.

Many of the kidnaped Unionists and Ulster policemen who were forcibly seized by armed bands of Republicans in Tyrone, Fermanagh and other counties of the province.

Aluminum dust and lamp black! These unlikely-looking substances played an important part in the investigation made by police detectives of the circumstances surrounding the murder of William Desmond Taylor, slain Los Angeles motion picture director.

They were used by fingerprint experts in an examination of the furniture and personal effects of the slain director. With the aid of aluminum dust and lamp black, the experts brought out the fingerprints left on the articles in the place.

The search for the fingerprints of the slayer was made by Detectives Morgantine and H. Glen Piester, the latter a specialist in the Lyons system of fingerprint detection. They reported that whatever distinguishing mark may have been left by the slayer was destroyed by the scores of curious persons who flocked into the house after the discovery of the crime.

A fingerprint on a book was examined, but it was found to be the print of an officer. There were many others, both of men and women, on the shelves of the house.

Henry Peavey, valet to Taylor, was taken to the district attorney's office today after being closely questioned at police headquarters. It was stated that Peavey would be compelled to undergo further questioning at the prosecutor's office in an effort to bring out additional information regarding the slaying of Taylor. Peavey is the man who found Taylor's body.

With District Attorney Woolwine ready to question and take the signed statements of every witness in the case, including the film actresses who were friends of the slain man, it was disclosed today that trace of a revolver which may have been used in the murder of William Desmond Taylor has been found and the weapon probably will be given the district attorney's office within a few hours.

A man, whose name and address are known to investigators, was said to have found the gun in the district near the Taylor home the day after the murder and to have kept it without suspecting it might have been the weapon used in the slaying. Detectives were sent out to locate this man and confirm his reported discovery.

FOUND IN AN ALLEY

The gun was said to have been found in an alley where Taylor's slayer may have thrown it in his flight. With a revolver which may have been used by the slayer in their possession, investigators will have the most important clue found since Taylor was killed.

The letters and telegrams written by Mabel Normand to Taylor, which were mysteriously missing for several days and which were located yesterday and turned over to Chief Deputy District Attorney W. C. Doran last night, were inspected in secret today.

Doran, who is working under the direction of District Attorney Woolwine, read the letters and telegrams in his office, declining to make their contents public or to comment upon what was written in them.

CONTENTS KEPT SECRET

The letters and telegrams formed a fair-sized bundle. Doran declined to state where they had been recovered and in whose possession they were while detectives were searching for them. Charles Eytan, manager of the Famous Players-Lasky corporation, with whom Taylor had a two-year contract, stated that he was at the Taylor home when the letters were found but was not present when the actual discovery was made.

With the letters and telegrams

BARES MABEL NORMAND'S ONLY LOVE

"Mabel Normand never had but one affair of the heart that could really be called a love affair."

That was the statement made today to newspapermen by Miss Juliette Courtell, former social secretary and intimate associate of the film star, who was located at Oakland, where she went after deciding to leave the motion picture and take a position as manager of a branch of a San Francisco automobile concern.

"Miss Normand's real love was the man with whom she first began her work in the movies years ago. Each was merely a struggling actor, but gradually both rose to enviable positions," continued Miss Courtell.

"I believe that the man still cares for her, but the atmosphere of the movie world in which she lives has, I think, spoiled Mabel's capacity for caring ardently and sincerely for any one man. She has said that to me herself."

QUITS MOVIES
Miss Courtell then went on to tell about her relations with Miss Normand. The former secretary was once a motion picture actress herself and gave up that profession to take charge of Miss Normand's interests.

During the years that followed, Miss Courtell declared that a sign

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MABEL NORMAND TELLS WOOLWINE OF LETTERS

Madalynne's Love Notes to Be Read to Jury

50 LEAP IN SEA AT HARBOR CRASH

4 VESSELS IN PORT SUNK BY WILD TANKER

\$100,000 Damage Caused When Big Ship, Out of Control, Runs Amuck

More than 50 persons saved their lives by leaping into Los Angeles harbor today; four valuable harbor vessels were sunk; two navy boats were damaged and a navy float was wrecked when the United States shipping board tanker Stockton, chartered by the Standard Oil Co., became unmanageable while making the Fifth street turn in the Los Angeles harbor channel.

Apparently failing to answer its helm, the Stockton swung across the harbor channel, crashed into the Fifth street wharf, crumpling three speed launches moored there and rammed the Real, a ferry boat, from which the crew and 50 passengers had leaped when the Stockton, looming out of the fog, bore down on the vessel.

Shaking itself clear of the wreckage strewn about it, the Stockton smashed forward, striking Eagle boats Nos. 12 and 24, damaging them seriously. This collision resulted in the speed of the Stockton being greatly cut down, and the vessel came to a stop shortly afterward.

The total damage was estimated at between \$75,000 and \$100,000. The vessels sunk were, besides the Real, the speed launches Disturber, valued at \$6000 and owned by Monise Bros.; the Doria, valued at \$5000 and owned by E. G. Enke, and the Barney Oldfield, valued at \$4000. The Real was valued at \$11,000. The navy float at which the launches were moored was wrecked.

Eagle boats 24 and 12 were damaged to the extent of about \$6000, it was estimated. The bow of No. 24 was bent four feet out of line. A whale boat on its deck was splintered.

TANKER RAMMED ALSO
In the collision with the Eagle boats the Stockton suffered serious damage. The anchor of one of the vessels tore a plate off the Stockton at the water line and the bow of No. 24 tore a hole in the ship's side.

Harding Will Give Senate Pact Message

By International News Service
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—President Harding probably will go to the senate late today to deliver a personal message along with the conference treaties which he will submit at that time, it was indicated at the White House this forenoon.

The President canceled all engagements prior to the cabinet meeting this morning and spent the time working on his message.

Harding's message, it is understood, will feature the declaration that the treaties involve no question of American sovereignty. He will also assert that his campaign pledges relating to world concert through conference have been followed.

Storm-Torn Ship Limping Back to Vancouver, Report

By International News Service
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—Hit by a terrific storm raging 1000 miles out in the Pacific the freighter Bessie Dollar, badly damaged, today was limping back to Vancouver, according to wireless advices from the steamer Bearport, which is in direct touch with the Bessie Dollar.

The bridge of the Bessie Dollar was swept away, her steward killed and her captain severely injured by the storm. She was today reported about 790 miles from Vancouver.

Alleged Bootlegger Halted by Shots in Downtown Chase

Several shots were fired in a spectacular chase today near the county jail, in Temple street, by federal prohibition agents when they arrested a man giving the name of Howard Street, 25, on a charge of violating the Volstead act.

A motor truck and a quantity of liquor was seized, according to the police.

It was reported that Street was employed to move some liquor. Government agents say that a special deputy sheriff was involved in the alleged deal and began an investigation of what they considered a ring of bootleggers operating here.

SEEK TO SHOW JILTING BY KENNEDY

Prosecution Will Build Its Case Against Accused Woman on Letters

"The love letters of Madalynne"—the three score of letters and telegrams which Mrs. Madalynne C. Obenchain sent to J. Belton Kennedy for whose murder she is now being tried—will be the principal foundation on which the prosecution will build its case against Mrs. Obenchain, it became known at the opening of court today.

At the request of Deputy District Attorney Asa Keyes, in charge of the prosecution's side of the case, the stack of letters and telegrams introduced as exhibits in the trial of Arthur C. Burch was brought out by Clerk Rugsby Ross, ready to be read during the course of the trial. It was estimated the reading of the correspondence will take at least two days of the trial.

"WOMAN SCORNED"

It is the purpose of the prosecution to show by these letters and wires that as far back as 1916 Mrs. Obenchain had a love for young Kennedy; that when this love reached its height last summer, Kennedy jilted her and that, in the "wrath of a woman scorned," she summoned Arthur C. Burch, her co-defendant, from Chicago and entered into a conspiracy with him that culminated in the killing of Kennedy at Beverly Glen on the night of Aug. 5 last.

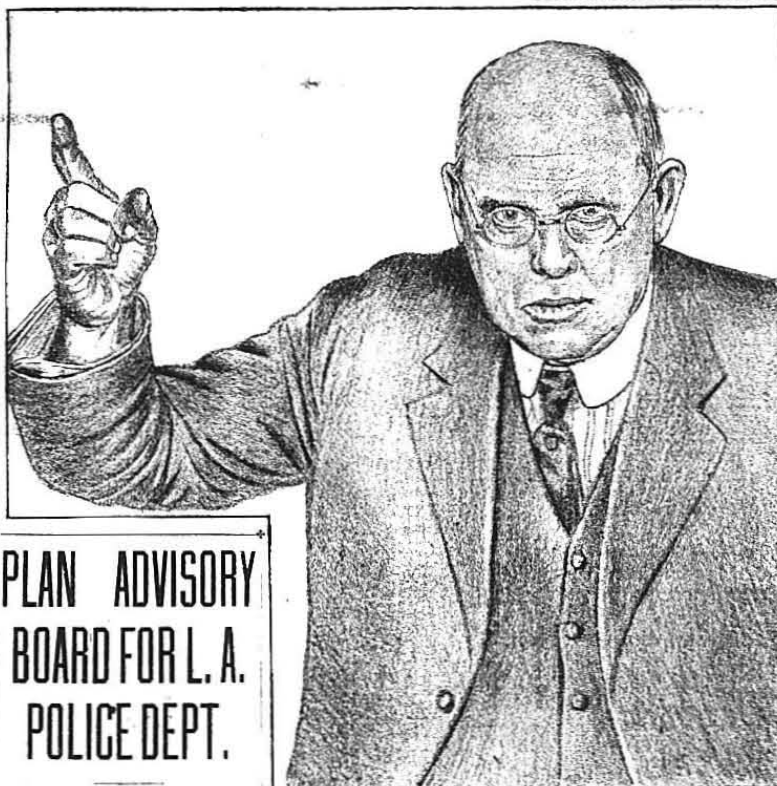
Frank W. Stoddard, deputy county surveyor, took the witness stand as the first witness of the day and by means of maps, blueprints and aerial photographs gave the jury a vivid picture of the "setting" of the murder at the Glen. Distances, relative positions of the Kennedy "love hut" and the houses of various witnesses were explained in detail to the jury. A variation down to the matter of inches in these distances proved a big factor in the Burch trial.

LOSE NO TIME

Upon the completion of the jury late yesterday afternoon the state lost no time in plunging immediately into the business of trying to convince the jury of nine men and three women that they should vote to hang Mrs. Obenchain.

So fast did the state move that Judge Reeves interrupted the calling of the first witness to remind the prosecution that the indictment of

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PLAN ADVISORY BOARD FOR L. A. POLICE DEPT.

An advisory committee to work with Chief of Police James W. Everington in conducting affairs of the Los Angeles police department is under consideration, it was learned today.

It has been proposed to organize a committee of representative Los Angeles citizens, whose duty it would be, as members of the committee, to confer with Chief of Police Everington frequently relative to police matters.

According to present plans, the members of the small committee, tentatively designated as an advisory committee, would be chosen from a larger or general committee made up of persons representing the various organizations of this city.

TWO MEETINGS HELD

Two meetings of persons interested in the formation of the general and advisory committees have already been held. One meeting, at which six prominent Los Angeles citizens were present, was held in the office of the chief of police and the second was held at the Alexandria hotel. At these meetings, the plans were considered in detail.

Chief Everington was interested in the proposed creation of the committee, it was stated, and one person in close touch with the situation

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NO. CAL. SWEEP BY BIG WIND AND RAIN STORM

By International News Service
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—Wind and rain swept throughout the night, northern California today was still in the grip of one of the most prolonged storms of the winter season.

Wire communication to the north was cut off by the high wind which felled telephone and telegraph poles.

RAIN CAUSES SLIDES

Slides due to the heavy rainfall were reported by the Western Pacific railroad at two points in Plumas county. A heavy snowfall hindered the clearance of the rock and earth from the tracks. Minor slides were reported by the Southern Pacific in Contra Costa county.

San Francisco bay was extremely rough early today. Traffic via the Key route ferries was held up an hour due to a heavy barge drifting across the ferry slips. Tugs removed the barge.

The Sacramento, Yuba and Feather rivers were reported rising rapidly as a result of the terrific

Heads Defense

Attorney J. D. Rush, chief of the defense counsel in the murder trial of Madalynne Connor Obenchain, as he appears in characteristic courtroom pose. Drawing is by Artist Nofziger of The Evening Herald staff.

MARY MILES MINTER ALSO EXPECTED TO APPEAR IN PROBE

Mabel Normand, who terms herself "just a pal" of William Desmond Taylor and who was the last person, except the slayer, to see him alive, was called to the district attorney's office today to tell her story of the letters and telegrams she wrote to the slain film director.

A complete explanation of the letters and telegrams, which disappeared mysteriously after the murder and were later turned over to District Attorney Woolwine, was expected to be made by Miss Normand when she made her statement to the authorities investigating the case.

Woolwine planned to question Miss Normand relative to her last meeting with Taylor, when she went to his home for a book he promised her. Taylor was shot a few minutes after the film actress left.

TO QUIZ CHAUFFEUR

Miss Normand's chauffeur, who saw Taylor escort her to her machine and turn back to the house as they left, was also expected to be questioned by Woolwine during the day.

Mary Miles Minter, intimate friend of the slain man, one of the film actresses who greatly admired him, was expected to be called to make a statement concerning the case following the appearance of Miss Normand, who has been ill since her collapse at Taylor's funeral.

While Woolwine's investigation, aided by five police detectives, was progressing rapidly, the story of Walter R. Underwood, arrested at Topeka, Kan., on a charge of embezzling \$1100 from the Pacific Electric Railroad company in Los Angeles, was checked over. Underwood was reported to have told officers that he knew Taylor and Edward F. Sands, formerly Taylor's valet and secretary, who is being sought in connection with the murder.

ATTENDED PARTIES

Underwood, according to Topeka dispatches, said he had attended numerous "parties" at Taylor's home.

Declaring he had a "suspicion" as to who killed Taylor, Underwood, who is said to bear a remarkable resemblance to the missing Sands, indicated that he might be able to aid the officers in solving the murder.

No great degree of credence was placed in the purported statements of Underwood by Los Angeles detectives today. Persons who knew Taylor

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STRIKERS IN ERIN SEIZE RY. STATION

By International News Service
LONDON, Feb. 10.—Railway strikers at Cork have seized and are holding the railway station there, according to a Central News dispatch.

BELFAST, Feb. 10.—One policeman was killed when a party of armed Sinn Feiners ambushed a detachment of Ulster special constables at Claudy, near the Tyrone-Donagel county line, today. There was a brisk exchange of shots.

Three thousand Ulsterites, bitter enemies of southern Irishmen, today joined the force of 6000 constables patrolling the Ulster frontier.

Sinn Fein extremists, whose forces are scattered along the southern side of the Ulster border, telegraphed to Michael Collins, head of the southern provisional government, that it was feared "Ulster men would commit further outrages," referring to reprisal activities of the 500 northerners.

Collins telegraphed to London that attack by Ulster men would only be possible with the support of British troops, which would render the situation "most serious." This report has created the worst possible impression here and both Unionists and Sinn Feiners fear an outbreak.

GRIFFITH ALLAYS THREATS OF BORDER WARFARE IN ERIN

By International News Service
LONDON, Feb. 10.—The threat of border warfare between Irish Republicans and Orangemen along the Ulster frontier was somewhat allayed today by a public announcement by Arthur Griffith

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FIGHT TO SAVE HOMES IN FLOOD

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WOMAN FRIEND TO BARE SLAIN DIRECTOR'S LIFE

20 Are Rescued in L. A. Hotel Fire

Taylor's Fear
Of Sands Is
Revealed

WOOLWINE WILL SEEK NEW LIGHT ON TAYLOR FROM ACQUAINTANCE

RUSH WORK ON CANALS TO DRAIN RANCHES

Overflow of Santa Ana River
Drives Families from Tal-
bert District Houses

Working with feverish haste in the overflow waters of the Santa Ana river to save their homes and livestock, more than a score of ranchers living in the Talbert district, six miles south of Santa Ana, today dug deep channels to release flood waters which covered an area three miles square.

Before the ranchers had cut through a row of sand dunes to the ocean, the high waters had forced four families out of their homes and had compelled many other ranchers to drive their cattle to high land.

The flood waters rushed through the channels, tearing like a mill-race, and it was declared that through the heroic efforts of the hardy farmers the district was saved.

Rail and Mine Unions to Meet on Alliance

By United Press
INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 11.—Railroad unions have accepted the invitation of the United Mine Workers for a joint conference to perfect an alliance between the two organizations, President John L. Lewis of the miners said today. He announced the meeting will be held at 2 p. m., Feb. 21, in the Great Northern hotel, Chicago.

Vice President of Big Plant Found Dead in His Home

By International News Service
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 11.—Clarence J. Curby, 36, vice president of the Smith & Davis Manufacturing Co., was found dead today in his palatial West End home.

Ford Congratulates Edison on Reaching His 75th Birthday

By International News Service
DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 11.—Henry Ford today sent the following message of congratulation to Thomas A. Edison upon his 75th birthday: "Please accept my hearty congratulations on your 75th birthday. At that age most men's work is done. Yours is just beginning."

IRISH MOB IS HALTED BY BULLETS

Police Use Machine Guns to
Quell Factional Fighting in
Streets of Belfast

By International News Service
BELFAST, Feb. 11.—Machine guns were used by the police today in quelling rioting between Orangemen and Sinn Féiners.

TO SEND TROOPS

Great Britain has promised to send four battalions of British troops into Belfast to protect the city from Irish republicans, according to a statement from Sir James Craig, Unionist premier of Ulster.

NAB ARMY CHIEF

A commandant of one of the northern divisions of the Irish republican army and his staff were all seized by Ulster Unionists last Sunday while on their way to Derry to a football match. When word of the seizure of these men reached the headquarters of the republican troops in northern Leinster reprisal raids were organized.

BLAZE TRAPS SCORES IN BUILDING

Women and Children Carried
from Burning Structure
by Firemen

Risking their lives as flames leaped about them, firemen and police officers early today carried more than a score of Japanese women and children from an East First street hotel when fire swept through

FIFTY IN PANIC

According to the reports of Patrolman R. H. Mathes and Detectives Parsons and Davis of the police flying squadron, 50 men, women and children, all Japanese, were panic stricken.

KILLED FATHER, CHARGE

SANTA ROSA, Feb. 11.—William Albert Johnson is held in the county jail here charged with the murder of his father, who was found dead yesterday.



William D. Taylor, slain film director, above, and Edward F. Sands, his former valet-secretary, who is hunted by police in killing. It is said Taylor feared Sands would force his name on a check. The signatures of the two men are shown.

WOMAN SEEKS DIVORCE

On the ground her husband refused to acknowledge to his friends that he was married, and that he carried on a correspondence with other women, Mrs. Lorraine Gormine Hicks will seek a divorce from Lester A. Hicks through a suit on file today.

A woman, middle-aged and of the quiet, intellectual type, known to have been deeply in love with William Desmond Taylor, slain film director, while actresses showered him with affectionate attentions, was expected to be called to the district attorney's office today to be questioned as an important witness.

Taylor's tragic death, it was stated, caused the woman to go into seclusion, in deep mourning. The woman's name was withheld, but it was learned that she was prominent in filmdom.

The unrequited love of the woman for Taylor, it was learned, extended over a period of years and was well known in motion picture circles. No suspicion is directed against her, but investigators believe she may be able to throw light on Taylor's life which may reveal a tangible clue.

REVIVE THEORY

The theory that Taylor was slain by blackmailers was revived today when it was reported that the district attorney's office had been given new information suggesting that he was killed because he tried to defend a motion picture actress from whom blackmailers had attempted to extort money. It was reported that the actress had appealed to Taylor for protection and that the director had defied the blackmailers—a move that may have resulted in his death.

FEARED FORGERY

According to a statement by Mabel Normand, well known film actress and close friend of the director, Taylor told her he was afraid that Sands would forge his name.

HUNTEFFECTS OF KENNEDY AT DEATH

Taking advantage of the court adjournment until Tuesday, investigators for the defense started out today on the trial of the personal effects found on the body of J. Belmont Kennedy, for whose murder Mrs. Madalynne C. Obenchain is being tried.

At the same time, Deputy District Attorneys Ann Keyes and Charley Fricke, representing the state, spent the day in their offices preparing new legal thrusts at Mrs. Obenchain that would convince the jury she plotted with the wrath and the cunning "of a woman scorned" and finally induced Arthur C. Burch to shoot Kennedy from ambush.

MYSTERY MOVE

Just what the defense hopes to find that will aid it among the handful of articles found on the body of Kennedy has not been divulged. It was admitted at defense headquarters, however, that members of the undertaking firm of Peck & Chase, which received Kennedy's body for burial, will be asked what disposition was made of the personal effects that accompanied the body. It is presumed that they were turned over either to the district attorney's office or to Kennedy's parents.

State witnesses yesterday described these articles as consisting of \$50 in cash, a keyring, a ring set with diamonds and a swastika pin.

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TAYLOR'S ALLEGED SON TO FIGHT FOR ESTATE

Mary Miles Minter Defends Slain Director

There is no personal or financial sacrifice that I would not gladly make to bring the slayer of William Desmond Taylor to justice.

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By MARY MILES MINTER

From 1919 until the day of his death Mr. Taylor was to me the symbol of honor and manliness, an inspiration, friend, guide and counselor—the symbol of all a girl admires in a man.

His friendship was uplifting and his advice and aid were invaluable. It would be nothing

less than veritable ingratitude if I did not, now that he is dead, raise my voice to proclaim what he was and to repudiate those who would besmirch his character.

I have told the authorities all that I know of both his life here and in the East. That, I fear, has been of little aid to them.

I cannot conceive the character of a person who would voluntarily wrong Mr. Taylor or cause his death.

S. F. MAN COMING TO ASK SHARE OF SLAIN DIRECTOR'S MONEY

Claiming a share of the \$60,000 estate left by William Desmond Taylor, slain film director, William Edward Taylor of San Francisco, who declares he is an unrecognized son of the murdered man, left the northern city today for Los Angeles in company with private detectives.

W. E. Taylor claimed that the slain man married his mother in 1892 in Laramie, Wyo., and then deserted her. He claimed that published pictures of Taylor tally with original photographs of his father which he has in his possession.

The San Francisco man is the first absolute claimant to Taylor's estate to appear in the case with the exception of Taylor's 19-year-old daughter, Ethel Daisy Deane-Tanner of New York. He said his mother was Olive Randall of Wallace, Kan., and that when his father deserted her years ago a diligent search was made for him.

DENY HIS CLAIMS

Friends of William Desmond Taylor in Los Angeles declared today that the San Francisco man's claims will be disproved if he attempts to make a fight for a share of Taylor's estate.

Mary Miles Minter, youthful film star, who is seeking to aid the authorities in search for the slayer of Taylor, today issued a statement defending the murdered man and repudiating "those who would besmirch his character."

Eulogizing Taylor as her "symbol of honor and manliness, an inspiration, friend, guide and counselor—all that a girl admires in a man," Miss Minter declared it would be "veritable ingratitude" for her not to defend his character from insinuations.

The statement issued by Miss Minter, who was one of the first to make a statement to District Attorney Woolwine in his investigation of the case, follows:

WOULD MAKE SACRIFICE
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LATEST NEWS

BIG TONG WAR UNDER WAY, POLICE SAY
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—A tong war between the Hip Sing and Bing Kong tongs was in progress throughout the west, police here believed today. Four Chinese in Butte, Mont.; San Jose, Cal., and Seattle, Wash., paid with their lives in the first 24 hours of hostilities. Three are Hip Sing men and one was a Bing Kong man. Two Hip Sings were slain during the night in Seattle and a third fatally wounded. A Bing Kong man—Low Mow—was shot to death in San Jose. Highbinders from each tong are reported hurrying into the other's territory.

ZEY PREVOST ELUDES SEARCHERS, IS REPORT
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 13.—While detectives and newspapermen watched the door of a room at a local hotel today a girl believed to be Zey Prevost, missing witness in the Arbuckle case, escaped, according to witnesses.

SALAD SAVES \$100,000 LOST BURNED FACE OF WOMAN IN ROBBERY OF HOTEL

Salad came into its own today. With a newly prepared salad, in which there was a generous quantity of oil, Mrs. R. S. Garrettsen, 343 West Harvard street, Glendale, today saved her face from being disfigured by burns.

This novel use for salad came when an oven of a gas stove exploded when Mrs. Garrettsen sought to light it.

Plunging her face into the salad, the woman rubbed it over her face. According to her physician, the fact that Mrs. Garrettsen used the salad for this unusual purpose was all that saved her face from disfigurement.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 13.—Two bandits today obtained \$100,000 in cash and gems from the safe of the fashionable Washington hotel and escaped.

After holding up the night watchman the robbers pried open the vault and lifted safety deposit boxes belonging to guests. Two confederates kept vigil outside the hotel.

The loot consisted of about \$2000 in cash and checks and the remainder was in diamonds.

ASTRONOMICAL LECTURE
"The Theory of Gravitation" will be the subject of a lecture by William A. Spaulding at a meeting of the Astronomical society of Los Angeles tonight at the Central evening high school, 463 North Hill street.

BLAZE SHOT HARDING IS 500 FT. IN AIR BY GASSER EXPECTED TO END BONUS TANGLE

Shooting a pillar of flame 500 feet into the air and illuminating the country within a radius of 15 miles, Bell well No. 2 at Santa Fe Springs, which came in 24 a gasser at noon Saturday, caught fire at 2:40 a. m. today.

The shot of fire, which cast a halo of flame like a sunrise, was distinctly visible from Los Angeles. Persons living within a few miles of the enormous "torch" were awakened by the fire.

FLEE HOME
Fearing that their home, situated one quarter of a mile from the blazing well would take fire from the intense heat, the Alphonso Bell family moved their furniture from their residence today.

Guards were posted to keep sightseers from venturing too close to the flame, which swayed from side to side or leaped up in unexpected bursts.

Efforts were made to prevent the fire from spreading to Bell well No. 1, which is said to be producing oil at the rate of 4400 barrels a day.

FRICTION BLAMED
Friction is believed to have caused the gasser to take fire. No attempts were to be made today to extinguish the blaze, it was said, due to the large size of the well. It was said the diameter of the volcano-like aperture was 190 feet.

Since the well came in as a gasser it has built up a cone around itself and has distributed a fine rain of moist blue clay to a distance of one-half mile in whichever direction the wind is blowing.

Representatives of the drilling company said the well might expand itself in a week.

FINDS SUN SPOTS
MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 13.—Dr. David Todd, former director of Amherst observatory, has discovered spots on the sun which he reports are 50,000 miles wide.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Republican leaders of the house and senate were depending today upon President Harding to pull them out of the muddle in which they are floundering in trying to find a way to raise money for a soldiers' bonus.

Further consideration of the proposed bonus tax program framed by the house ways and means committee was suspended pending an expected decision by the President as to whether short-term government bonds may be employed instead of direct taxation to finance the veterans' compensation.

Congress struggled again today to determine upon a bonus tax scheme which will be agreeable at the same time to the administration and to the people who will have to put up the money.

WANT PROFITS TAX
One of the most important developments was the plan of the "agricultural bloc" to propose the re-enactment of the excess profits tax to help straighten out the tax muddle which is holding up the bonus bill.

Senators identified with the "bloc" declared that it was estimated that \$500,000,000, or much more than enough to take care of the initial installments of the soldiers' bonus, would be available if the excess profits tax, repealed by the new revenue law, were re-established.

On the other hand, the "bloc" is set against a sales tax, as well as against what its members describe as the "poor man's taxes" incorporated in the bonus program of Republican members of the house ways and means committee, to which Republicans of the senate finance committee have refused to agree.

Senator Smoot is prepared to wage another determined fight

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Six Photos of Mary Miles Minter, the Screen Star

Filmland Notable Who Defends Murdered Director

New Pope Assumes Duties; Coronation Attended by 60,000

By International News Service
ROME, Feb. 13.—Pope Pius XI, whose pontificate dates officially from the time of his coronation, today assumed formally the duties of supreme pontiff of the Roman Catholic church. The spontaneous tributes of affection and reverence which accompanied the brilliant coronation ceremonies yesterday made it evident that no Pope in the past century has begun his duties under more auspicious circumstances.

Sixty thousand persons witnessed the coronation rites, while nearly 300,000 waited outside for the pontifical blessing.

FATAL RIOTING IN ULSTER IS SPREADING

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Two persons were shot to death and several others were wounded in fresh disorders in Belfast during the morning, according to a Central News dispatch from that city at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

"Disturbances are reported over the whole of Ulster province," telegraphed the Central News correspondent.

"An American newspaper man who left Belfast for the free state

U.S. Imports Total \$279,000,000 in January, Is Report

By International News Service
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—American exports in January, aggregating \$279,000,000, were the lowest since last July, according to figures made public today by Secretary of Commerce Hoover.

Merchandise imports during January amounted to \$216,000,000. Hoover explained that the heavy decreases were largely due to declines in values rather than to a decrease in the volume of trade.

LINCOLN AS EXAMPLE
ST. PAUL, Feb. 13.—In addresses before the Lincoln club here, governors from Kansas, Nebraska and Minnesota urged the people to follow Lincoln's advice.

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NEW FRAUD FIRMS ARE BARED IN CHICAGO

Police Raid Offices and Find Huge Bundles of Promissory Notes

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Vigorous warfare against frenzied financiers who are accused of milking thousands of their depositors, is under way today, with state and federal authorities co-operating, as the result of revelations that have followed the exposure of the \$5,000,000 failure of Raymond J. Bischoff, called the "Chicago Ponzi."

The so-called "rapid-fire promoters," who are said to operate by promises of quick returns and large profits on small investments are the target of the campaign.

Leddie Harrington, a "broker," is the latest to be sought by the police and federal detectives. Harrington is said to have fled shortly before his office was raided, leaving behind debts estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

CLAMOR FOR CASH

Three men were arrested in the raid on Harrington's office. More than 100 persons had surrounded Harrington's office and were clamoring for their money when the police arrived.

Two others who have been hit in the campaign are Casimir Philippovich and M. P. West. They have been arrested as moving spirits in the Western Land Operators' Co., which federal investigators charge had swindled investors out of more than \$1,000,000 through fake land leases.

Philippovich is said to have been associated at one time with Bischoff. Inquiry into Bischoff's operations was resumed today in Judge Landis' court.

'DOUBLE CROSSED'

Bischoff declared at the opening of the investigation that he had been "double crossed" by a ring of Chicago "bucket shops" and had thereby lost \$4,500,000 entrusted to him by investors "back of the yards."

Harrington was sought after police swooped down on the offices of the American Novacoline Co. and arrested President Luke Byrnes, Secretary Thomas Moran and Manager A. A. Lebeck.

According to Lebeck, Harrington was the "genius" of the frenzied finance operations.

"We have given promissory notes for about \$1,400,000 since the office opened," he said. "People came to us with their money and wanted to invest. They demanded their interest, but we made them accept stock in the Novacoline company."

FIGHT OVER SPOILS

Large bundles of stocks and books of promissory notes were seized by police in the raid.

Bischoff, whose shattered financial ventures were aired before Federal Judge Landis, admitted that he and Harrington had worked together in some deals.

It was disclosed how the "wizards" fought over the spoils and used every effort to take each other's customers.

Noted Catholic Clergyman Dead

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—The Right Rev. Monsignor Daniel J. Rordan, one of the best known Catholic clergymen in the United States, is dead today after two weeks' illness of influenza. He was 74 years old.

Lloyd George Cheers Balfour on Return

By International News Service
LONDON, Feb. 14.—Premier Lloyd George acted as cheer leader with all the pep of an American college youth when Arthur J. Balfour came home from the Washington conference today. When the famous diplomat stepped from the train at Waterloo station a great shout of welcome went up, in which George Harvey, the American ambassador to Great Britain, joined.

All members of the cabinet were present. Mr. Harvey and other diplomats were among the notables who assisted at the welcome. Thousands of civilians gathered in the station and streets flanking the station. Lloyd George, alert, chipper and smiling, was in the best of spirits. As soon as he caught sight of the returning diplomat his arm went up and the cheering followed.

'Mary Blue,' Color Chosen by Princess, Is Rage in Britain

By United Press
LONDON, Feb. 14.—"Mary Blue" is the rage in England as Princess Mary's wedding day approaches. The color is favored by the princess. It is now used extensively for hair wreaths, afternoon frocks and ribbons. Dyeing houses are doing a rushing business changing hydrangea shades and cyclamen to "Mary Blue."

The shade is a soft Saxe, sometimes called aquamarine, that suits blue-eyed women and accentuates the depth of their eyes.

L. A. Legionares Urge Fair Taxes To Raise Bonus

Scores of members of the American Legion, on the advice of Buron R. Fitts, former state commander of the American Legion, today sent telegrams to representatives in Washington, urging that the soldier bonus bill be passed on a basis of using a fair and equitable method of raising the necessary revenues.

"Advocates of gasoline, motor vehicle and theater ticket taxes are the enemies of the five-fold adjusted compensation act," Fitts declared. "They are simply following the lead of Secretary of Treasury Mellon in trying to make the bill so unpopular by that means that they will have an excuse for killing it."

Jap Workers Vote To Seat Slayer of Premier in Council

By International News Service
TOKIO, Feb. 14.—Over 50 per cent of the employees of the four big Sumitomo factories at Osaka in electing shop committees voted to name Konohe Nakaoka, assassin of Premier Hara, as a member, according to the Asahi today. At the time of the slaying of the Japanese premier, the youthful assassin was reported to have radical tendencies.

Dempsey Denies He Will Marry 'Bebe'

By International News Service
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 14.—Jack Dempsey put the final kyo to the story that he is engaged to marry Bebe Daniels, screen actress, during a stopover here while en route to New York City. "Miss Daniels is a nice girl and I like her and all that," said the champion, "but we are not going to be married."

SEEKS TO CUT OWN PAY

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 14.—A suggestion was created here today by Frank B. Manning, superintendent of streets, when he requested that his salary be reduced.

NEW BLACKMAIL CLEWS IN SLAYING OF TAYLOR

Befriends Girl, Lured to Holdup

MAN ROBBED OF AUTO BY 'HUSBAND'

Goes Riding with Woman and Is Forced to Sign Bill of Sale at Gun Point

After giving shelter to a pretty young woman, who was said to have declared that she was penniless, R. E. Godwin, 1122 South Indiana street, was the victim of an unusual holdup, in which he was robbed of an expensive automobile by the woman and a male confederate, according to the police.

In a statement to Detective Parsons and Davis, Godwin stated that he met the young woman, who described herself as "Marie Clark," a week ago in East Fifth street. Godwin said he sympathized with the woman after hearing her story and took her to his home, where she remained until last Sunday.

GO FOR AUTO RIDE

The report states that she left Godwin's home and rented a room down town. She met Godwin Monday, the report says, when they went for an auto ride, during the course of which they met a man posing as "Mrs. Clark's" husband.

According to Godwin's report, the supposed husband drew an automatic pistol and placed it against his body, demanding that Godwin turn over the automobile with a bill of sale. Godwin said he was forced to sign the bill of sale while the man kept him covered with a pistol.

PAIR DRIVE AWAY

After being robbed of his machine, Godwin says, the man and the woman to whom he gave shelter drove away.

Descriptions of the young woman and her "husband" were given to the police by Godwin, who told detectives that he would secure complaints against them.

French 'Bluebeard' Refused New Trial

By International News Service
PARIS, Feb. 14.—Henri Landra's final hope of escaping the guillotine, to which he was condemned on Nov. 30 for the murder of 10 "fiancées" and a boy, perished today when the chief justice of the supreme court of appeals threw out the French "Bluebeard's" request for a new trial.



William Desmond Taylor and Mabel Normand, photographed on the "movie lot" during intermission between "shooting" scenes in screen play. This was one of Mr. Taylor's favorite pictures of himself.

TRIAL OF MADALYNNE OBENCHAIN IS RESUMED

Preparations to picture in words Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain as a "woman scorned," in order to establish a motive for her alleged participation in the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, young Los Angeles broker, on Aug. 5, last, were made by prosecution attorneys as her trial on the homicide charge was resumed today in Judge Reeve's court.

The prosecuting attorneys, Deputy District Attorneys Asa Keyes and Charles H. Fricke, in announcing their plans, stated that they had practically completed the arrangements whereby they would introduce the letters, telegrams and notes that were interchanged between Mrs. Obenchain and Kennedy, and had arranged them in such a manner that each note demonstrated the love that had been born and was later turned to hate.

HATE THEORY

The prosecution contends that when Kennedy refused longer to share Mrs. Obenchain's proffered affections, she learned to hate in an intensified manner and this psychological change caused her brain, if not her hand, to direct the shot which ended the broker's life.

A large share of the letters which will be introduced this week, consists of Mrs. Obenchain's epistles, which were placed in evidence during the trial of Arthur O. Burch but a number of notes that were written by Madalynne to Kennedy were not introduced. Kennedy was a new type machine gun, loaded and ready for instant action.

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HARDING TAKES UP BONUS IN CABINET

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The soldier bonus problem was up for consideration by President Harding and his cabinet today.

While congress waited for some guiding word from the President on the situation that has stumped it, Harding was expected to seek advice from his cabinet, provided he deems insufficient the information received from Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.

Senator Smoot, long a champion of the sales tax, planned to take advantage of the present deadlock, wedge in a carefully drawn combination sales tax-soldiers' bonus bill and drive hard.

House and senate conferees on the bonus bill are ready for advice from the White House to proceed with a bond issue to raise money to pay the bonus.

They are equally ready for word that the bond idea is fallacious, as Secretary Mellon has already proclaimed.

Some even anticipate word that if congress cannot fix a tax plan to pay the bonus then the whole bonus plan is a failure.

MOVIE MAN KILLED DEFENDING NAME OF GIRL STAR, IS CLAIM

Coupled with rumors that District Attorney Woolwine and detectives are "working under cover" in their investigation of the murder of William Desmond Taylor by keeping secret new and startling clues, it was learned today that they have received information suggesting that Taylor was slain by blackmailers when he fought to protect the good name of an innocent motion picture star.

The rumors were that Woolwine and his aides, while claiming that they are virtually "up against a blank wall" in their investigation, have been working for days on evidence which needs only a little additional corroboration before an arrest can be made.

SECRECY ESSENTIAL

Secrecy, it was rumored, is essential to the district attorney in developing the evidence he has accumulated and the "working under cover" is imperative to throw the suspected person off guard.

The blackmailers, according to the new theory, seized upon Taylor's perfectly proper friendship with a well-known screen actress and, "twisting the truth to make a trap," manufactured evidence which would throw discredit upon the woman. They then approached Taylor, it was suggested, and demanded a large sum of money.

Taylor, fearful of the dastardly plot of the blackmailers, at first treated with them, and then, realizing that the truth would prevail ever manufactured evidence, defied them. It was this defiance, coupled with a threat to call in the police, that caused the murder, according to the theory being considered by the detectives.

SECRET INFORMATION

What information was given the district attorney's office to suggest the new theory was not disclosed. It was pointed out, however, that Taylor drew \$2500 from the bank the day before he was slain and then redeposited it on the day he was killed.

While detectives were attempting to fit the evidence accumulated in District Attorney Woolwine's investigation to the new blackmail theory, the British government officials and army.

ENMITY KINDLED

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British government officials and army.

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IRISH REVOLT PLOTTED, IS REPORT

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Ireland today trembled on the verge of open civil war between three factions.

These factions are:

1. Supporters of Edmond de Valera, who are reported plotting to overthrow the provisional government of the Irish free state and proclaim a republic.
2. The provisional government of the Irish Free State headed by Michael Collins.
3. Ulster, which is in arms after raids over its border by the republicans, who want more of the territory claimed by Ulster.

Members of the Irish provisional government at Dublin are taking vigorous measures to avert a threatened revolutionary outbreak by extremists.

It has been learned that some of the Dublin government are plotting its overthrow and are conspiring to get control of the Irish republican army.

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WORK UNDER COVER IN SLAYING PROBE

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Catch Director's For-
mer Valet

New indications that District At-
torney Woolwine is working "under

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Harding to Visit City Next Summer

PRESIDENT WILL TOUR COAST

Plans Combined Vacation and
Campaign Trip to West
and Alaska

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Presi-
dent Harding is preparing to com-
bine a western campaign trip and
vacation excursion to Alaska next
summer. It was stated at the White
House today.

Gov. Scott Hone of Alaska is now
in Washington arranging details of
the trip.

On the way West in June Presi-
dent Harding plans to stop a few
days at Marion, Ohio, to join in cele-
bration of the hundredth anniversary
of his home town. He will make
numerous speeches in the western
United States on his way to Alaska
and back.

Among the cities likely to be on
his itinerary will be Seattle, Port-
land, San Francisco and Los An-
geles, several cities of the North-
west, including Butte, Cheyenne and
possibly the "Twin Cities."

He will leave Washington proba-
bly in June, taking a battleship at
Seattle for Alaska. After a tour of
exploration he will return to one of
the coast points and begin his over-
land journey to Washington.

Wife Dead, Husband Hurt in Auto Crash

By International News Service
SANTA ROSA, Feb. 15.—Mrs. C.
P. Kanode was instantly killed and
her husband seriously injured early
today when their automobile skid-
ded from the road and overturned
near Monroe. Kanode was brought
to a local hospital and though his
injuries are serious, it is thought he
will live.

JURORS DISCHARGED IN
SECOND MURDER TRIAL

ANACONDA, Mont., Feb. 15.—A
jury in the second trial of Fred
Gangner, former mayor of Ana-
conda and Montana state legislator,
charged with the murder of John
Anderson Woodman, Nov. 2, was
discharged today. According to one
of the jurors the vote on the twelfth
and last ballot was 7 to 5 for con-
viction.

Newest Paris Gowns Low at Top and Bottom

By United Press
PARIS, Feb. 15.—Manikins
of the Maison Dorat today pa-
raded before the public at the
spring exhibition wearing eve-
ning gowns with lower necks,
a still lower belt line and with
trains three to four feet long.
Makers of fashion say what
has happened is that gowns are
hung lower on the wearer.
Women will expose shoulders
this spring instead of legs.

These evening gowns are
mostly bareback and are draped
almost form fitting with a sin-
gle panel on the left side which
forms the trailing train.

Apple green and purple form
the favorite colors worn by
the models of Dorat. Plain
white is also popular, but black
has entirely passed.

Rickenbacker in Mail Plane Flight From Omaha to S.F.

By United Press
OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 15.—Eddie
Rickenbacker hopped off for San
Francisco from the local air mail
field at 7:35 this morning in a plane
piloted by Jack Knight. Knight will
carry Rickenbacker to Cheyenne,
where a change of pilots will be
made.

Rickenbacker will spend the night
in Salt Lake City, leaving there on
Thursday morning and arriving at
San Francisco Thursday evening.
He is making the trip by special
permission of the air mail service at
Washington.

N. Y. Is Struck by Worst Snowstorm

By International News Service
NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—What
promised to be the worst snowstorm
of the winter struck New York city
today. Three inches had fallen early
today and the storm continued.

Finland Official Murdered, Report

By International News Service
COPENHAGEN, Feb. 15.—M. Rit-
avuori, minister of interior of the
government of Finland, has been
assassinated, said a dispatch from
Helsingfors today.

MAY TRY LONG FLIGHT
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The
giant Italian dirigible Roma,
built in Italy, may soon attempt to
fly from the Atlantic to the Pacific
Coast.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY FOLLOWS SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Entering the home of Mrs. Mary Boden, his wife, in South
Hobart boulevard, near Forty-third street, today, George A.
Boden, aged 45, an attorney, shot and killed her, slew her

mother, Mrs. Julia Tay-
lor, aged 66, and then fired
a shot into his own head,
dying instantly, according
to the University police.

According to Capt. C. F.
Jackson, who commanded a
squad of detectives in the in-
vestigation, Boden, who was
an attorney with offices near
Seventh and Hill streets, called at
the home of his wife to pay her
temporary alimony. A divorce suit
is pending.

A quarrel is believed to have
started over the payment im-
mediately after his arrival. Boden
fired a shot into his wife's body as
they were standing in a reception
hall. The bullet entered her heart
and she dropped dead.

KILLS MOTHER-IN-LAW

The attorney then ran to the rear
of the house, where he fired a shot
at his mother-in-law. The bullet
entered her head above the left eye
and she fell dead.

Returning to the dining room,
Boden gazed at the two bodies for a
moment and then fired a shot into
his own head. He died almost im-
mediately.

The wife's sister, Mrs. Bessie
Walters, was in a bedroom. Boden,
evidently not cognizant of the
fact she was present, she fled by
leaping from a window and sought
refuge in a neighbor's house.

The Bodens had three children.
They were at school and were not
informed of the triple tragedy for
several hours.

SEEKS RECONCILIATION

Coroner Nance assigned his chief
deputy, William MacDonald, to the
case and the Bramble Undertaking
Co., 1245 South Flower street, took
charge of the bodies.

Capt. Jackson was assisted in the
investigation by Sergeant Ray
Hagenbaugh, Detectives J. W.
Church and W. P. Powers. Patrol-
man J. W. Clark and others.

Boden used a .38-caliber pistol in
taking lives of his wife, his mother-
in-law and his own. He reloaded
the weapon before ending his own
life.

According to Mrs. Walters and
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LATEST NEWS

9 HELD FOR DEATHS IN THEATRICAL CRASH
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Charges of involuntary man-
slaughter were today made against nine men held re-
sponsible by the coroner's jury for the loss of 97 lives in
the Knickerbocker theater disaster Jan. 28. The men
were held under \$5000 bail pending the action of the
grand jury, which meets on the case next week.

HOUSE TO HOUSE FIGHTING IN IRELAND

BELFAST, Feb. 15.—House to house fighting in the
suburbs of Belfast broke out again this afternoon. The
death toll stood at 27. This morning's firing ceased when
large detachments of troops swept through the streets
where the sniping was going on. Ulster and Sinn Fein
sharpshooters, concealed in houses, were trying to pick
each other off, but many bullets were going wild and im-
periling bystanders.

NEW REIGN OF TERROR GRIPS BELFAST

By International News Service
LONDON, Feb. 15.—Evacuation
of British troops from Ireland will
be resumed tonight after a tem-
porary suspension, it was learned
from a semi-official source this
afternoon.

By International News Service

BELFAST, Feb. 15.—The twenty-
sixth death from mob violence in
this city and suburbs during the last
four days occurred this morning.
Five men were shot to death be-
tween midnight and 11 o'clock.
Two were killed in the Bloomfield
district and one in Springfield av-
enue. All evidently had been shot
by snipers. A number of others
were wounded.

The excitement quieted down late
in the morning and by early after-
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U.S. BUDGET CUT PLANNED TO PAY BONUS

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Repub-
lican leaders of the house will try
to raise the soldier bonus funds by
paring down the budget and through
the savings effected by the naval
holiday Representative Mondell of
Wyoming, house leader, said today.
The Republicans have virtually
decided to drop the plan of raising
the money from special taxes, a
sales tax or a bond issue, he said.
Mondell, one of the outstanding
soldier bonus supporters in con-
gress, called at the White House
but failed to see the President.
Harding, it was said, was busy on
his letter to congress outlining his
position on the bonus.
The house leader believes that by
trimming the various appropriations
bills congress will be able to raise
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cover" in his efforts to solve the
William Desmond Taylor murder
mystery developed today when
Woolwine admitted that dozens of
witnesses, many of them with im-
portant information, are being
questioned secretly by his investi-
gators.

Woolwine stated that because of
publicity attendant upon the ap-
pearance of these witnesses at the
district attorney's office, they have
refused to make statements unless
they are questioned at their homes
or elsewhere. As a result, Wool-
wine's investigators are scattered
over the city day and night, inter-
viewing witnesses whose names
they refuse to divulge.

PROMINENT IN MOVIES

Several of these witnesses, it
was rumored, are prominent in
motion picture work and agreed to
tell their stories only under the
consideration that their names be
kept out of the case. The accumula-
tion of evidence obtained in this
way is said to have built up a
theory in the case which the de-
tectives are working on.

Woolwine declined to name any
of the witnesses who have been ex-
amined in secret, claiming that but
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SEEK TO SHOW LOVE FURY OF MADALYNNE

Madalynne Conner Obenchain
faced today one of the most trying
days of her trial on the charge of
being implicated in the murder of
J. Belton Kennedy in a love tangle,
according to prosecution attorneys,
who planned to continue reading
scores of love letters written by her
to the slain broker.

After completing the introduction
in evidence of love notes written in
the early days of the tragic ro-
mance, the state today reached the
letters in which Mrs. Obenchain was
urging Kennedy to meet and to
marry her.

By these notes, the district attor-
ney contends, is being built up the
foundation of the charge that Mrs.
Obenchain plotted the murder after
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California's highest state auto-
mobile license number has just
been issued.

The 700,000 mark has been passed
in automobile registrations for this
state, with the receipt of this num-
ber today at the headquarters of the
Automobile Club of Southern
California.

Just what the total registration
for California will be when all re-
turns are in by March, is prob-
lematical at this time, say auto
club officials, who today have
ceased operations in issuing li-
censes as an aid to the state motor
vehicle department.

Last year the highest number is-
sued was 648,000. It is predicted
that the registration this year will
run somewhere between 800,000 and
850,000—or nearly 1,000,000 auto-
mobiles.

Last year California was the fifth
state in the number of automobiles
in use. This year it is very likely
to find itself at least third on the
list, headed only by New York and
Ohio, and there is a chance that it
will be second to New York, ac-
cording to local officials.

The number 700,000 was issued
today to Kenneth Keller of the auto
club office, and was recorded at
the club by Miss Lillian Golindo.

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DEATH PLOTTING IN TRYST WITH BURCH LAID TO MADALYNNE



Gladys Smart, sister of Mrs. Obenchain.

STORM DRAIN BIDDERS HIT OBSTACLE

Financial difficulties, creations of the Vrooman act, which are said to be more unwieldy than any of the accompanying structural or material problems, are confronting contractors who would bid on the city's \$2,500,000 Arroyo de la Sacate storm drain project, according to statements made today by a number of the city's bankers and bond men.

While it was pointed out that these stumbling blocks probably will be surmounted, at the same time it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that there are few firms or syndicates in the United States engaged in such work of sufficient financial resources to swing the big job or to negotiate loans for the labor and material.

Several Los Angeles bankers confessed without reservation that while present money conditions continued they would hesitate to back the contractor who undertakes the Sacate storm drain.

SPECULATIVE ASPECT

The magnitude of the project, coupled with the provision of the Vrooman act, by which the contractor is not paid for his work until more than 30 days after its acceptance by the city, makes the loan assume a speculative aspect, it was said.

By procedure of the Vrooman act, the assessment roll and warrant is prepared after the job is formally accepted by the city. The property owners then have 30 days in which to pay in full, to appeal, or to protest acceptance of the job. Or if an assessment is more than \$25, the property owner may make his payments in ten annual installments, while the unpaid principal draws 7 per cent interest.

All of this consumes time, it was pointed out by the bankers, and the contractor and his financial sponsors hold the sack waiting for payment.

RELIEF MEASURE

One form of relief is granted the contractor, it was said, for the Vrooman act authorizes the city

aiming smashing blows at the defense, the district attorney's forces sought today to clinch its claim that beautiful Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain conspired with Arthur C. Burch to slay J. Belton Kennedy, her sweetheart, and that she plotted with Burch in a hotel room within 100 feet of their victim, as they watched him.

In support of this startling contention, the state called as its first witnesses today Thomas M. Haley, proprietor of the Hotel Russell, at 216 1/2 South Broadway, who was interrupted by objections from the defense late yesterday before he could reach the dramatic part of his recital.

Haley of the renting of a room to Burch, who was particular to get a front one from which Kennedy's office across the street was clearly visible, and of alleged "death trysts" held in the room by Mrs. Obenchain and Burch.

RUSH OBJECTS

The interruption of Haley's story yesterday was caused by Attorney Jud Rush, chief of the staff of legal advisers which is defending Madalynne. Rush interposed a vehement objection, not only to the telling of Burch's actions on the day following the murder, but also to the entire testimony of Haley.

Lengthy technical arguments on the point of law involved were begun after the jury had been dismissed which resulted in Superior Judge Reeve ruling that the admission of Haley's testimony was in accordance with the law.

The defense attorneys took exception to the decision, claiming that it was unlawful to permit evidence of facts occurring after the date of a crime when the defendant was charged with conspiracy. Judge Reeve then announced that his decision was only temporary and that he would study the law further and make a definite ruling today.

GLEN TRIP CHANGED

Deputy District Attorney Asa Keyes announced that his plans to have the regular session of court today held at the Beverly Glen cabin had been changed and that the trip would not be taken until next week.

He stated it was possible that after several minor witnesses had been examined today the jury would be taken to the Russell hotel, where Haley would be recalled as a witness to explain statements he made yesterday regarding Burch's actions in the hotel room prior to the day of the murder.

Prior to the interpolation of objections by Mrs. Obenchain's attorneys yesterday, Haley told how he had received a telephone call from Burch which was followed by

FLEEING BEAUTY IS HUNTED IN MURDER

Cub Players Leave for So. Calif. PLAN TO BAR OBENCHAIN FILM

PICTURE OF TEAM ON WAY RALPH MAY BE BANNED TO PRACTICE AT AVALON

L. A. Theater Men Call Meeting to Decide Attitude Toward 'A Man in a Million'

Revelation that Los Angeles film and theater men are considering taking steps to halt plans to show "A Man in a Million," a motion picture starring Ralph Obenchain, former husband of Madalynne C. Obenchain, on trial for alleged complicity in the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, was made today.

Representatives of the 32 leading legitimate, vaudeville and picture theaters of Los Angeles will gather at the offices of the Los Angeles Theaters association, 208 Mason Opera House building, at noon tomorrow to discuss the situation.

That the theater men of this city may agree not to book the picture is believed likely. In view of the fact that the management of every important theater, with the exception of that of a chain of vaudeville houses, belongs to the association, it was said that decision by the members not to show the picture would make it impossible for those backing the film to present it at any large theater in the downtown district.

MANY OPPOSE FILM

Secretary Francis R. E. Woodward of the Theaters' association said that many members of the association are hotly opposed to plans to show the film.

"Opposition has been expressed to the film because the members disapprove of any film based on any sensational crime. To show such a picture would not have a good moral effect. Then, too, it is the belief of members of the association that there are good pictures, based on good stories, to meet the needs of the public, without it being necessary to resort to films based on crime," Woodward said.

The action taken by the local association, it was said, will establish a precedent, by which similar associations with which the local organization is in close contact may be guided.

HIT HAMON FILM

The local association was said to have been the first to express opposition to plans to show "Fate," a film in which Clara Smith Hamon, acquitted of the murder of Jake L. Hamon, Ardmore, Okla., politician and oil magnate, played the leading

TEAM ON WAY TO PRACTICE AT AVALON

Games Will Be Played Here by Chicago Outfit While in Training

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Starting the first lap of their journey to Southern California, where they will buckle down to the spring training grind, nine members of the Chicago National league club left here early today for Los Angeles.

The pitchers and catchers of the squad, under the supervision of Manager Bill Killefer, will start training at Avalon, Catalina island, Monday morning.

The nine members of the team who left here today will be joined at Kansas City by seven other players. Six more will be picked up in Los Angeles, the latter squad having wintered in Southern California.

WHITE SOX LEAVE

Charles Comiskey's White Sox also left for their Southern camp today.

Arrangements have been completed by Killefer to have the Cubs play a large number of exhibition contests in Southern California.

The National leaguers will make their first start against the Vernon and Los Angeles teams of the Pacific Coast league.

Killefer announced shortly before leaving Chicago that it was almost certain that Charley Deal, who was turned over to the Angels, would join this club. He also stated that if Deal does join the Coast league squad, Johnny Killefer would be used at third base.

PRESENT PLANS

According to present plans the outfielders and infielders of Bill Wrigley's outfit will depart from Chicago the first of next week. Killefer wants to have his pitchers and catchers in fair shape when the other players arrive so that practice tilts may be staged on the new diamond at Avalon.

Neither team is claiming a pennant as yet, although the moguls that guide the destinies of the Cubs will be sorely disappointed if they fail to land in the first four. The White Sox are still very much in the experimental stage after the disaster that wrecked the team at the close of the 1920 season, and if they finish even a notch better than they

Villa Nabs Rebel for Obregon

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16.—Invitations to Francisco Villa, or "Pancho," as he used to be known in the days of his outlawry, to join the revolutionary agitations against the Obregon government have fallen upon deaf ears, for the former bandit-rebel now looks with a stern and disapproving eye upon anything that opposes law and order.

Villa's loyalty to the government is more notable in contrast with the anti-government agitation now sweeping some quarters.

It was reported that Pancho, to set at rest any anxiety that

may be felt toward his attitude, will shortly come to Mexico City to reaffirm his support to the Obregon regime.

Gen. Antonio Ruiz, who has just been executed in Chihuahua for plotting against the peace and dignity of the state, was delivered to the federal authorities by Villa. Ruiz had gone to Villa's ranch at Cantillo to seek Pancho's co-operation in an anti-government plot. The former rebel chieftain declared his first citizenship duty was to the state. He seized the unsuspecting Ruiz and turned him over to the federal troops.

R. R. Men Refuse To Join Proposed Miners' Walkout

CLEVELAND, Feb. 16.—Railroad workers of America will not join a strike in sympathy with miners, proposed April 1, if operators fail to meet wage scales announced at the miners' Indianapolis convention, a high official of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers told the United Press today.

"We have very specific regulations governing this point," he said, "rules which forbid us to enter sympathetic strikes."

Railroaders are expected to give "moral and financial support."

16,000 Unemployed in N. Y. Clear Snow

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Yesterday's record snowstorm slackened to furries during the night and today had ceased entirely, being replaced by brisk, cold weather. Sixteen thousand unemployed found jobs at \$5 a day struggling to clear the sidewalks and crossings. Great motor plows were used in the streets. New Yorkers, clad in overshoes and galoshes, skidded over slippery pavements to their work.

Beveridge Enters Race for Senate

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 16.—Former Senator Albert J. Beveridge announced his candidacy today for the Republican senatorial nomination, reopening the old "Bull Moose" fight in Indiana.

BRYAN REFUSES OFFICE MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 16.—"I prefer to continue to serve the public without the cares of office," countered William Jennings Bryan when asked if he would like to become a member of the United States senate.

BURN TROOPS BARRACKS IN BELFAST

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Twenty-six more Ulsterites, who were seized by Irish republicans in last week's border raids, have been released, Colonial Secretary Winston Churchill announced in the house of commons this afternoon.

BELFAST, Feb. 16.—British troop reinforcements arrived here today to strengthen the garrison and to assist in the preservation of order in Belfast and throughout Ulster province. They consisted of a battalion from the Warwickshire infantry regiment.

The Strabane workhouse, which had been designated as the barracks of the newly arrived troop reinforcements, was set on fire by armed men early today.

Shooting was renewed this morning. Workmen were attacked on their way to places of employment.

A priest—the Rev. Father McGrath—a woman, a policeman and a civilian pedestrian were wounded by a bomb explosion in Earl street. A police sergeant who was accidentally wounded while examining a machine gun in the police barracks died of his wounds.

A man was wounded in the breast by an unknown assailant. The victim was sitting in his home reading a newspaper when someone knocked upon the door. The householder opened the door and as he did so, received a bullet.

Ten persons have died as a result of disorders since Wednesday morning. Some were shot and killed outright; others died of wounds. The British have succeeded in

TRACE WOMAN WHO FLED NORTH IN CAR FOLLOWING SLAYING

A beautiful young woman who, wrapped in an evening cloak and bare-headed, drove through Ventura at a dizzy rate of speed at 3 o'clock in the morning after William Desmond Taylor was murdered, was sought by detectives seeking to trace her automobile today.

Information concerning the woman, who appeared to be fleeing from Los Angeles, was given the authorities by a garage man who supplied her machine with gasoline and oil in the early hours of the day following the slaying.

"She was in evening dress and wore a cloak," the man said. "I saw her machine before she reached my garage and she was driving at a terrific speed. As she stopped I noticed that her face was drawn and pale and that her hair had been blown down by the force of wind as she drove."

SHOWS NERVOUSNESS

"Give me all the gasoline and oil my car will take," she said. While I was filling the tank I noticed she bit at her white gloves with her teeth and showed other signs of restlessness and nervousness to be on her way. She paid me with a bill and drove off without waiting to receive her change."

The man furnished the license number of the car as he remembered it and described the machine and the woman in close detail.

While the officers were endeavoring to identify the woman and her machine, a painstaking search of the records of telegraph companies in Los Angeles for copies of telegrams received and sent by Taylor shortly before his death was ordered by Woolwine.

FIND TELEGRAMS

Several telegrams were reported to have been found. They were to be accounted for by the persons who sent them.

With the co-operation of officials of the companies, detectives sought telegrams sent to Taylor which might disclose a motive for the crime and betray the identity of the slayer.

Special search was made for the name of Edward F. Sanda, formerly

BONUS SALES TAX URGED BY HARDING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—A general sales tax offers the only practical means of providing a soldier bonus at this time, President Harding declared in a letter which he will send to Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee today. Representative Longworth, Ohio, said after a conference with the President.

President Harding completed his bonus letter to congress shortly before noon today and the White House planned to send it to the finance committee promptly.

British Ry. Official Is Slain in Egypt

LONDON, Feb. 16.—A British railway official in Egypt was assassinated by an unknown man who is suspected of being a nationalist according to a Central News dispatch from Cairo this afternoon. The assassin escaped. The dispatch said that Egyptian unrest was again prevalent and that scattered outbreaks were reported.

STATE SOCIETY DANCE A program and dance will be given tonight by the Washington state society in Angeles hotel hall.

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U.S. MARINES KILL 20

MADALYNNE ON STAND WILL BE STRIKING FIGURE

Reprieved Man Continues to Starve Self

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Harvey W. Church, who was to be hanged today for the murder of two men, continued his hunger strike in the county jail, seemingly indifferent to the fact that he figuratively had been snatched from the gallows.

Church was granted a reprieve until March 3 late yesterday pending an inquiry as to his sanity.

Ship Goes Ashore Off Port Angeles, But Pulls Away

By International News Service
SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 17.—The Selma City, 5000-ton isthmian line freighter which went aground on Ediz Hook, three miles from Port Angeles, shortly after midnight, at 2:45 o'clock reported to the Seattle harbor department by wireless that she was off the beach and headed for Port Angeles under her own power.

The vessel will complete a load of lumber for the Orient at Port Angeles.

No damage to the vessel was reported in the last message received.

500,000 Miners Are Expected to Vote to Strike

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 17.—The strike vote of 500,000 miners will be taken within the next six weeks, unless mine operators agree before April 1 to continue the present basic wage scale, and will probably favor suspension of work then, union officials said today.

Every indication is that the operators will not agree to the existing scale.

United Mine Workers here say the operators are determined not to negotiate. The miners will invite them to joint conference.

Meanwhile, both factions are watching to see whether the government will act.

Urge Increase in City's Tax Rate

Recommendations that the city's tax rate be increased from \$1 per \$100 assessed valuation to \$1.25, were forwarded to the city council today by the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association, which organization urged the repeal of the city's occupational license tax on business at the earliest possible moment. It is proposed that a charter amendment to increase the tax rate be placed upon the ballot at the August primary election.

201 Nationalists in India Sentenced

By International News Service
LONDON, Feb. 17.—Two hundred and one Indian non-co-operationists (Nationalists), who were arrested for violation of the unlawful assembly act, have been sentenced to from one to six months' imprisonment at hard labor, said a news agency dispatch from Calcutta today.

City Urged to Take Over Gas Co.'s Plant

HUNT TAYLOR'S MISSING LETTERS

'DEVIL DOGS' WIN HARD BATTLES

Clashes with Nicaraguans
Are Revealed When Trans-
port Reaches San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 17.—The story of severe fighting between United States marines and Nicaraguan natives in which a number met death on both sides was brought here today by the naval transport Nitro, which has come up the coast from Central America.

According to the report more than 20 Nicaraguans were slain when the marines went into action against them.

The number of marines killed was not officially made public, but was placed at "several."

The clashes occurred the latter part of last month, according to the story brought by the Nitro, and were due to ill feeling between the Nicaraguan natives and the United States troops.

Details of the fighting were not given out, but rumor has it that the marines did not take action until forced to do so by the aggressions of the natives. When the fighting finally started, however, it is said the "Devil Dogs" did a thorough job and that the result was decisively in their favor.

Marines who came north on the Nitro declared that the Nicaraguan police are continually clashing with the marines and the first serious fight occurred on Dec. 8. Continued fighting extended through January and late last month. The most serious clash occurred when the Nicaraguan government finally took drastic measures to prevent further trouble.

Reach Agreement On Egypt Terms

By International News Service
LONDON, Feb. 17.—The British cabinet and Field Marshal Allenby, British high commissioner to Egypt, have reached an agreement as to terms and conditions of the new settlement which will be offered to the Egyptian Nationalists. It was announced at the foreign office this afternoon. When the field marshal returns he will be empowered to enter into negotiations with Adley Pasha, former premier of Egypt.

NEW "GYM" CLASS STARTS
A new gymnasium class under direction of Cyril Tipton will meet Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Jefferson evening high school.

ORDER PROBE OF SHORTAGE IN SERVICE

Head of Power League Asks
Action Looking Toward Mu-
nicipal Ownership

Attorney John W. Kemp, head of the Public Power league, today urged that condemnation proceedings be started against the Los Angeles Gas and Electric corporation as a result of its alleged opposition to city projects and unsatisfactory service to the public.

The state railroad commission, according to an announcement today, has ordered a thorough investigation of the gas situation in Los Angeles to be started here on March 15.

These were the outstanding features today in the situation that has developed in connection with the suits filed against the city to block the sale of its bonds for various purposes; and which suits, it has been alleged repeatedly, were inspired by the Los Angeles Gas and Electric corporation.

ACCUSES COMPANY
Flat charges that the Los Angeles Gas and Electric corporation is backing the suit of Edward Nitlinger, attacking the validity of the \$13,500,000 bonds for the purchase by the city of the Southern California Edison Co.'s distributing lines, were made today by Attorney Kemp.

The Nitlinger suit, filed yesterday, followed the dismissal of a similar suit which had been brought against the city by C. B. Minter. The Los Angeles Gas and Electric corporation was said to have backed this suit also.

Kemp said that the only recourse left the city was to bring an end to the suits designed to cripple public enterprise by starting condemnation proceedings against the gas company for the purpose of the taking over of the plant by the city.

Mr. Kemp said that public sentiment against the gas company has reached such a pitch that the entire city would in all probability back such a move.

TRAFFIC OFFICERS TO GET WHITE CAPS



Here is Police Inspector James MacDowell wearing one of the new white caps soon to be worn by all traffic officers of Los Angeles police department.

MAN DIVES TO DEATH FROM BRIDGE

Leaping from the Colorado street bridge, Pasadena, George W. Jackson, aged 66, of 420 North Mentor avenue, Pasadena, was instantly killed. His body was found on Arroyo drive, beneath the bridge, today, shortly after he made the jump, for the body was still warm when picked up by the police.

Jackson is survived by a widow and two daughters. The authorities declared domestic trouble was responsible for the act.

New Headgear of Military Character Will Replace Old Blue Chapeaux

Military visors will replace the "scoop shovel peaks" when 100 police officers of the traffic division don the new white caps adopted by Police Inspector James MacDowell. For several years the police cap, with its ugly visor, has been considered by the officers as most unbecoming and the beat men are said to have asked that they, too, be given a cap with the military visor and "a bit of snap to it."

The white caps will be worn by traffic officers, it was announced at police headquarters, as soon as deliveries can be made.

NOTES WRITTEN BY FILM DIRECTOR TO WOMEN ARE SOUGHT

Letters written by William Desmond Taylor, slain film director, in response to the affectionate notes of his favorite women friends, are mysteriously missing in the investigation of the murder case, it was learned today, and detectives will make efforts to recover them.

Attempts to locate some of the letters written by Taylor shortly before he was killed, in reply to the notes from two women in particular, are said to have been met with statements that the letters were "lost or destroyed" soon after they were received.

LETTERS NEEDED
Investigators believe, however, that Taylor must have answered the women's notes in writing and that a few of his letters are in existence. Taylor's letters, it was stated, would probably throw no new light on the case, but possession of them is needed further to explain the letters already in District Attorney Woolwine's safe.

A new clue which may put detectives on the trail of the slayer was being followed today when a Los Angeles pawnbroker reported that a few days before Taylor was killed he sold a revolver of the same caliber as that used in the murder to a man who acted suspiciously.

NAME AND ADDRESS
The name and address given by the man when he purchased the gun were furnished the detectives by the pawnbroker and efforts were made to trace him immediately. The pawnbroker supplied a detailed description of the man and every effort to locate and question him is being made.

AWAITS CHICAGO REPORT
While the pawnbroker's "tip" was being checked up by the detectives, District Attorney Woolwine waited anxiously for a report from State Attorney Crowe of Chicago, whom he requested to locate and question a woman known as "Mrs. Snyder," who is believed to have information that Taylor was slain by black-mailers.

PROBED BLACKMAIL
The district attorney was informed that the woman, acting as a private detective, had investigated

BONUS SALES TAX WINS FAVOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Congress was torn today between legalizing a sales tax to pay the soldier bonus or dropping the cash bonus altogether, substituting paid-up insurance or land grants.

This was the situation resulting from President Harding's letter suggesting the sales tax or abandonment as the alternatives for the bonus.

The house ways and means committee, meeting this forenoon, prepared to sound out sentiment on dropping the bonus and the sales tax propositions.

There was virtually no talk of postponement as suggested by Harding in the event of failure of the sales tax.

GAINING GROUND
But just how congress would put through a payment plan was as much of a mystery to members as at any time since that body threw up its hands and sought counsel of the President.

At the same time there is a strong feeling that the sales tax idea is gaining ground and there are many in both branches of congress who assert that it will furnish the final solution of the admittedly vexing problem.

Friends of the sales tax plan claim that it only requires a brief campaign of education to win a wide majority to their views. "The sales tax needs only to be under-

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EXPLOSION HURLS MAN TWENTY FT.; MAY DIE

House Is Destroyed in Fire
Which Follows Blast
from Stove

Blown 20 feet through the air when an explosion occurred in a building in which he was staying at 7750 Santa Monica boulevard, Albert Jacobs, 34, received injuries which may cause his death, according to hospital surgeons. The building was destroyed by fire which followed the explosion.

Evangeline Booth To Participate in Sunday Services

Miss Evangeline Booth, national commander of the Salvation Army, will participate in the Sunday evening services at the Temple Baptist church of which Dr. James Whitcomb Brouwer is pastor.

Italian Cabinet Again Quits Port

ROME, Feb. 18.—Premier Bonomi today presented to King Victor Emmanuel his resignation and that of his cabinet. The chamber voted against the premier yesterday and Bonomi's cabinet fell for the second time within a month. An attempt will be made to form a coalition government.

Man Entering Home of Officer Is Slain

By International News Service
CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—An unidentified man was shot and killed today by Police Sergeant Edgar C. Cowing, who discovered the man attempting to break into his home. The only mark of identification found about the man was the label of a Milwaukee firm on his clothes.

NEW YORK POLICE HUNT BANK EMPLOYE BANDITS

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The New York police are searching today for seven motor bandits who held up two Pacific bank messengers and escaped with \$5000.

\$150,000 Gems Lost or Stolen on Sleeper

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 18.—The loss or theft of unset diamonds, valued at \$150,000, in an Illinois Central sleeping car, traveling between Chicago and St. Louis, was reported to the police here today by Sidney Kengel, diamond salesman of 66-68 Nassau street, New York.

Bulgaria Moving Troops on Greece In Albania Row

By International News Service
LONDON, Feb. 18.—Bulgarian troops are being moved towards the Greek frontier, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Athens today. This report has not been officially confirmed.

Nab Sportsman on Insurance Charges In Big Cafe Fire

As an aftermath to a disastrous fire which swept the Casa del Mar cafe near Venice, S. O. Rubenstein, declared to have been interested in the resort, and well known in Los Angeles sporting circles, was arrested today on suspicion of having presented false proof in support of an insurance claim, according to a report filed at the sheriff's office.

Man Found Slain in Chicago Feud

By International News Service
CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Tony Pasarella, 42, a flagman employed by the elevated railroad, was found slain today under the elevated structure on the west side. He had been shot in the neck and his throat had been slashed with a razor. The police believe his slaying was the outgrowth of the political feud which is held responsible for several recent killings in the Nineteenth ward.

Fire Destroys Big Licorice Factory

By United Press
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Fire of unknown origin early today destroyed the factory of the United Licorice company, First and Harrison streets, at a loss estimated at \$20,000. Several adjoining buildings were badly damaged and occupants of the Brooklyn hotel fled from their beds.

Pope Shows Mastery of Many Languages

ROME, Feb. 18.—Pope Pius XI speaks at least 10 languages. Twenty Americans who have visited the Vatican and spoken with the new pontiff declare he conversed with every one of a roomful of Catholics of different countries who had come to pay their respects.

CAPTURE ESCAPED SLAYER.
HAMILTON, Ont., Feb. 18.—Mathew Bullock, alleged slayer, who fled from jail here, had been recaptured today.

HIDING PLACE OF SANDS IS HUNTED

Landis Resigns U. S. Bench for Baseball Job

SEEK TO END LIFE AFTER LOVE ROW

Young Woman's Wedding
Plans Upset by Sweetheart,
Detectives Are Told

Disappointed in love, Miss Norman Wilboughy, 22, of 837 South Flower street, sought death today on the steps of the First Baptist church, Eighth and Flower streets, by taking chloroform, according to a police report.

Rushed to the receiving hospital after James Harris, an employee of a restaurant, found the girl unconscious on the steps of the church. Miss Wilboughy was given first aid treatment.

After a desperate battle with death, receiving hospital surgeons said that the girl's chances for recovery are good.

PLANNED TO WED

According to Detectives Gruy and Parsons, Miss Wilboughy came here from the East some time ago and was to have been married shortly.

She was plunged in sorrow last night, however, when she was told by her sweetheart that he had ceased to love her.

TAKES CHLOROFORM

This morning she made her way to the steps of the First Baptist church, over which thousands of persons have passed on their way to seek guidance in prayer. There she is alleged to have lifted a bottle of chloroform to her lips and drained it of its contents.

QUITS COURT POSITION TO RULE GAME

Judge Asks President to Re-
lieve Him of Federal Duties
on March 1

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Judge Kenneth Mountain Landis, probably the best known jurist in the United States, resigned his post as judge of the United States district court here today. He will relinquish his judicial duties on March 1.

His resignation was forwarded to President Harding by mail today.

Judge Landis retires from a life position as a United States jurist to devote his entire time to organized baseball, of which he is high commissioner.

The judge was 55 years old on Nov. 20, last.

HAS MANY DUTIES

Besides his duties as federal judge and baseball commissioner, Landis acted as arbitrator in Chicago's building trades disputes and participated in other such activities.

"There are not enough hours in the day for all these activities," he said. "Therefore I have forwarded my resignation to the President, effective March 1."

Landis first attracted wide attention when he fined the Standard Oil Co. \$25,000,000. The fine, the largest ever imposed by any court of justice, was later remitted by the supreme court.

ACTION OF LANDIS IN LEAVING BENCH SURPRISES HARDING

By International News Service
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The resignation of Judge Landis from the federal bench at Chicago came as a distinct surprise to President Harding when the announcement was made to him at the White House by the International News Service.

U. OF S. C. TO STAGE 'YOU NEVER CAN TELL'



Berdine Jackman and Howard Bridgroom in Role of Twins in Comedy
"You Never Can Tell"

LETTER TO DIST. ATTY BRINGS NEW SEARCH IN L. A. FOR DEATH SUSPECT

Reported to have received clues to a place where Edward F. Sands, hunted as a suspect in the case, may be in hiding in Los Angeles, detectives left police headquarters hurriedly today following a conference with District Attorney Woolwine at 5 o'clock this morning.

The new search for Sands was started last night after Woolwine publicly offered to give Sands immunity from prosecution on another charge against him if he surrenders and establishes his innocence in connection with the murder.

The open letter was issued by Woolwine following the receipt at the district attorney's office of a letter purporting to have been dictated by Sands. No reply was received in the morning mail and while the detectives doubted whether Sands really sent the letter to Woolwine it was hoped that the district attorney's office might bring results.

WOOLWINE'S LETTER

Woolwine's letter to Sands follows: "I am in receipt of a letter dated Feb. 14, 1922, post marked Los Angeles, which by the language purports to have been dictated by you. I have no present means of knowing whether or not the letter is genuine. The letter states as follows: 'I did not murder Taylor but I know who did it,' and inquires in substance that if you come forward and surrender yourself and establish your innocence of this crime whether or not I will set you free? 'The letter further states, 'If you will do this, Mr. Woolwine, I can untangle this murder mystery for you.'"

"In answer to this communication I wish to say that if Edward F. Sands will surrender himself to any of the police authorities or to me and establish to my satisfaction his innocence, giving information as to who committed this crime, I will move for a dismissal of the case of embezzlement now pending against him."

DISCOVER LOCKET

The reported move to seclusion by Miss Normand followed the discovery of her photograph in a gold locket owned by Taylor and now in the possession of Public Administrator Bryson. Engraved on the

374 COMPETE IN TRACK EVENTS

REDLANDS UNIVERSITY, Feb. 18.—One or two relay records were expected to be smashed here today when the annual athletic carnival of the Southern Pacific branch of the A. A. U. was staged here this afternoon.

Athletes numbering 374, representing practically every high school and college in Southern California, competed in the various events.

More than 2500 packed the stands and auto parking space when Bob Weaver's starting gun sent the first squad of athletes off in the initial race of the day.

Eighteen events were on the program with medals offered the first three men to place in each event and cups for the teams winning in each class.

A last minute entry was made by Charley Paddock, world champion sprinter, who a few weeks back declared that he had retired from the track and would not run again. Paddock was entered in the 100-yard open event and looked to be in fairly good condition when he lined up with the rest of the athletes to run off the race. He has trained less than three days since changing his decision and, while expected to win this event, he was not counted upon to set any new records.

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Predicts Long Period of U.S. Prosperity

MADALYNNE'S DEATH TRIAL IS DELAYED



DENIES PACT SECRETS TO SENATE

Dep. Dist. Atty. Asa Keyes as He Appears in Court During Prosecution of Madalynne Obenchain on Trial on Charge of Slaying Kennedy. Sketched by Artist Nofziger

By International News Service
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—President Harding today informed the United States senate that it is "literally impossible" for him to furnish the senate with the information it requested last week as to the negotiations, records and data concerning the adoption of the four-powered Pacific treaty, which replaces the Anglo-Japanese alliance. The President conveyed this information to the senate in the shape of a letter designed as a reply to the Hitchcock letter, adopted last week, calling upon the executive for all information as to the details of negotiating the pact.

"There were many conversations and discussions quite outside the conference, yet vital to its success," said the President's letter. "Naturally, these are without record."

TEXT OF LETTER

The text of the President's letter follows:

"To the senate:
"Responsive to senate resolution No. 237, asking for records, minutes, arguments, conversations, relating to the so-called four-party treaty, I have to advise that it is impossible to comply with the senate's request. Many of the things asked for in the resolution it is literally impossible to furnish, because there were many conversations and discussions quite outside the conference, yet vital to its success. Naturally these are without record."

"I do not believe it to be compatible with public interest or consistent with the amenities of international negotiation to attempt to reveal informal and confidential conversations or discussions, of which no record was kept, or to submit tentative suggestions or informal proposals without which the arrival at desirable international understandings would be rendered unlikely if not impossible."

GIVEN ASSURANCE

While I am unable to transmit the information requested, I do take this means to say there were no concealed understandings and no

Owing to the illness of state witnesses, counsel and members of the jury, the trial of Mrs. Madalynne C. Obenchain for complicity in the slaying of J. Belton Kennedy today was ordered continued until 10 a. m. Thursday by Superior Judge Sidney N. Reeve. This was the second continuance ordered because of illness.

When the trial is resumed, it is expected that the prosecution will introduce testimony relative to the trail of the alleged death car in which Arthur C. Burch, co-defendant, was declared to have driven to Beverly Glen, the scene of the murder.

Dick Parsons, proprietor of an automobile renting station, from whom Burch was declared to have rented an automobile on the night of the murder, will be one of the first witnesses called to testify.

SEEK TO PROVE LURE

In drawing out this testimony from prosecution witnesses the state, it was believed, would seek to show that Mrs. Obenchain lured Kennedy to the mountain cabin that the slayer might carry out his work.

Burch, according to the prosecution's theory, was the tool of Mrs. Obenchain. The woman was pictured by the prosecution as a clever, scheming woman scorned. Through the testimony as to the events which occurred in Beverly Glen the prosecution will seek to link Mrs. Obenchain and Burch as conspirators, it was said.

Among the witnesses expected to be called by the prosecution to testify relative to the events which followed the murder in Beverly Glen were Mrs. Elizabeth Beesley, her husband and son, George Deering, and Beverly Hills officers.

The prosecution claims that Burch drove to the Glen in a hired automobile and hid behind a group of bushes, where he waited until Kennedy, accompanied by Mrs. Obenchain, appeared.

It was revealed today that the

BURGLAR LOOTS THEATER OF COSTUMES

Forcing an entrance to dressing rooms at the Egan Little theater, on South Figueroa street, burglars stole stage costumes belonging to three members of the Hollywood Community Players, valued at more than \$500, according to a report made to the police today.

When the cast went to the theater dressing rooms last night in preparation for the regular performance of "Enter Madame," it was discovered that the dressing rooms of three actresses had been ransacked.

CLIMBS IN WINDOW

As a result of the burglary the play went on under considerable difficulties, due to the lack of proper costumes for the three girls. An investigation was started and traces were found where the burglars had entered the theater through a window.

The actresses robbed were Miss Hazel McConnell, Miss Belle Mitchell and Miss Helenia Lieberg. Miss McConnell reported the loss of an orchid spangled evening gown, a blue fringed satin evening coat, a tan corded silk suit, a suitcase containing personal belongings, and a gold locket bearing the initials "H. M."

WARDROBES STOLEN

Miss Mitchell reported the loss of a black mohair-cloth dress, a black cloth cape and a pair of pumps. It was said Miss Lieberg's losses consisted of a dark blue suit, a silver cloth evening dress, trimmed with blue braid, two pairs of slippers and a pearl necklace.

BETTER TIMES AHEAD, SAYS BANK CHIEF

Big Business Revival Is Forecast by Federal Reserve Board Here

By International News Service
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The United States faces a period of prosperity of longer duration than the country has known in its history—a period marked by saner business methods—Gov. W. P. G. Harding of the federal reserve board said in his annual report to congress.

Gov. Harding's diagnosis of the nation's business condition and business prospects was linked up with a review of finances which show that the country has about reached the end of deflation.

Easing of credit, more confident feeling in the investment market and broader plans of business generally were cited to congress as favorable factors now in evidence.

HIGHER QUOTATIONS

"For some months past there has been a marked easing in domestic rates of interest," Gov. Harding said. "Notwithstanding some unfavorable features in revenue laws the investment market now is absorbing securities at reasonable rates, which could not have been considered a few months ago."

"Market quotations for liberty bonds have steadily advanced until they are now approaching par. Good railroad and industrial bonds have appreciated and there have been noticeable advances in standard stocks."

"REVIVAL NEAR"

"There are those who believe the beginning of a revival is not far distant. When it does definitely set in it will be followed in due course by an era of prosperity."

"In the light of recent experience we should remember that a reaction will follow sooner or later. If the flow of incoming tide can be controlled so that the crest may not be reached too rapidly, nor rise too high, the subsequent reaction will be less severe and the next period of commercial and industrial activity will be marked by saner methods, greater achievement along constructive lines and by longer duration than we have had before."

Woman in Gangs Which Get \$2500

Jewelry, clothing, and other articles with a total estimated value of more than \$2500 were stolen by burglars in raids on three houses, according to reports received today at the sheriff's office.

One of the burglars, investigators said, was evidently a woman. The imprint of a woman's shoe was found near the houses robbed.

Reports of robberies were made by A. H. Myer, 147 Walnut street, Walnut Park, who lost jewelry, clothing and a couple of bottles of "Old Taylor" whisky, value \$1000; H. A. Meyer, 3606 Western avenue, Los Cerritos, Long Beach, \$500 fur, \$500 hand-embroidered linen goods and a lavalliere set with emeralds and pearls, and Henry Weeda, 1700 East Sixty-second street, logs \$190.

Two Men Killed In Quarrel Over Girl They Loved

By United Press
CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Two men were dead today after a battle to death over the girl they loved.

John Hussey, fiance of pretty Miss Irene Nolan, called on her. He found James Horne, 65, in her company. Other friends were present.

Some one produced a bottle of moonshine. The men quarreled. They threw furniture at each other and wrecked the Nolan apartment. In a struggle they backed against a window and fell to the ground, four stories below. Both were dead when police arrived.

BOOTLEG FATAL TO MAN TAKEN TO JAIL

Ramon Faros, arrested by Patrolman L. R. Kirkpatrick at 411 Clark street for intoxication, was found dead in a cell of the city jail today.

Bootleg liquor was believed to have caused the man's death. Jail attendants found the man stretched on the floor, unconscious, today when they took other prisoners to the cell. They attempted to arouse him, but he failed to respond, and Police Surgeon Dodge was called. The surgeon pronounced the man dead.

The body was taken to the mortuary of the J. D. Button Undertaking Co. Coroner Nance will hold an inquest.

'CONFESSION' IN TAYLOR KILLING IS DISCREDITED

Reports that Henry Peavey, negro valet-cook for William Desmond Taylor, had made a "confession," naming a woman as the slayer, which were denied from all sides, and the questioning of two new witnesses, a man and a woman, at the district attorney's office, featured the investigation of the Taylor murder mystery today.

Eastern newspapers carried reports that Peavey had "confessed" to District Attorney Woolwine, giving the name of a woman. Investigation developed that Peavey's "confession" amounted only to a mere statement of opinion on his part.

Undersheriff Biscailuz explained that 10 days ago Peavey told a deputy sheriff that he thought a woman killed Taylor. Also he said he had no evidence or real reason to believe so. Biscailuz said that Peavey's statement was only a "negro's hunch" without anything to support it in the slightest way.

QUESTIONED AGAIN

Strictly as a matter of precaution, Peavey was questioned soon afterward by Woolwine and repeated his statement, saying:

"Before God, I feel that she did it."

Woolwine stated that he cross-examined Peavey at length but that the negro, although talking freely, could give no reason why he thought that the woman he named committed the crime and his statement was tossed into the discard as an opinion and theory of no value in the investigation.

One of the two witnesses questioned at the district attorney's office today was a taxicab driver named Stacy, who disappeared from home the day after the murder and whose absence caused investigators to feel that he should be interrogated regarding his actions and movements.

FURNISHES ALIBI

It was rumored that Stacy had known Taylor and that other information indicated he might be able to throw some light on the mystery.

Stacy, however, furnished an alibi explaining that he had simply quit work coincidentally with the crime and established that he could in no way be suspected. Search for him was started several days ago.

LATEST NEWS

BANDITS ROB BANK MESSENGER OF \$22,000
NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Three bandits attacked a messenger of the Greenwich bank, at Nineteenth and Seventh avenue, here in broad daylight today and escaped with \$22,000.

JAPAN PLANS TO SCRAP 24 WARSHIPS
TOKIO, Feb. 20.—Announcement of plans to scrap a total of 24 ships in the Japanese navy was announced by the naval ministry today. The ships to be scrapped include 10 obsolete cruisers, six battle cruisers now in course of construction and eight capital ships which have been planned, but keels for which have not yet been laid.

REPORT NORTHERN CAL. RIVERS AT FLOOD STAGE
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Reports to the weather bureau today indicated yesterday's rains had swelled Northern California rivers to the flood stage, but thus far little damage had resulted.

IRELAND ARMY FEAR KIDNAPERS HOLD MISSING L. A. CHILD

By International News Service

DUBLIN, Feb. 20.—The second mutinous outbreak in the Irish republican army was reported today from Tipperary. The South Tipperary brigade issued a proclamation similar to that of the middle Limerick brigade on Saturday.

"The Irish republican army is determined to rouse the nation from its lethargy to resist the treacherous inclusion of Ireland among British possessions," said the Tipperary proclamation.

Just before news was received of the Tipperary trouble the ministry of defense in the provisional government had announced that steps were being taken to prevent a repetition of the Limerick mutiny when the recalcitrant brigade issued a proclamation refusing to recognize the provisional government.

Arthur Hoppe Jr., aged 2, who has been mysteriously missing from the home of his parents, may be held by kidnapers, who will seek a "reward" for the recovery of the youngster.

This theory was advanced today by Arthur Hoppe Sr., the father, while city employees completed the work of draining the lake in Echo park to determine if the boy had been accidentally drowned.

Search along the muddy banks revealed no trace of the missing baby.

"I will wait until the lake is completely drained and then I think I will offer a reward that may result in the return of my little boy," the father said in a low voice.

The tot wandered away from his home near the park on Thursday in baby fashion. It was apparent, he sought adventure in the world that in his thoughts stretched little further than the yard of his home.

FIND BODY OF CHILD IN LAKE

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2-YR.-OLD TOT FOUND DROWNED IN ECHO PARK

Baby Believed Kidnaped Is Dis-
covered; Parents Swoon
at News

The body of Arthur Hoppe Jr., aged 2 years 4 months, who disappeared from his home last Thursday morning, was recovered today from Echo park lake, 300 feet south of the bathhouse, and near the steep bank, by Charles Puder of 336 North Westlake avenue and city firemen.

When no trace of the child was found within three days after his disappearance it was decided to drain Echo park lake. Puder, assisted by firemen, found the little child's body in several feet of water which remained after the greater portion of the lake was drained.

When Arthur G. Hoppe and Mrs. Wilma Hoppe of 649 Carrillo street, the parents of the tot, were informed of the finding of the body they swooned. They were at their home after keeping a day and night vigil at the shore of the lake until late last night.

Physicians were called to attend the bereaved parents and the Bramble Undertaking Co. was authorized by Coroner Nance to take charge of the body of the child.

Deputy sheriffs, firemen and police officers, with volunteer citizens, had worked unceasingly in dragging the lake for the body and just as they were about to conclude that little Arthur probably was kidnaped and not drowned the grappling hook in the hands of Puder brought the body to the surface.

**Hearing Is Set in
Huge Mail Robbery**

Everett C. Lewis, 30, and his wife, Lillian, 28, will be given a preliminary hearing March 4 before U. S. Commissioner Long on charges of robbing a mail truck of \$1,000,000 at Toledo, Ohio, a year ago. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were arrested here last Friday at 1046 East Thirty-second street. Their bonds were set at \$50,000. They have been unable to raise the bail. Eddie O'Brien, who was also arrested here in connection with the Toledo robbery, told officers that he would waive extradition proceedings, but he will be held here pending the outcome of the Lewis' hearing.

**Dry Agents to Take
Over L. A. Prisoner**

The case of Joe Maciel and Yuda-Nela Sanders, arrested on liquor charges by Boyle Heights police in a raid on a house at 3229 East Fourth street, was scheduled to be turned over today to federal prohibition agents. Police claimed that they found a big still and other apparatus for manufacturing illicit liquor, in addition to 100 gallons of "moonshine" and about 250 gallons of rum.

Seeks \$5 Lost 4 Years Ago on L. A. Street Car

"That \$5 bill I lost four years ago on an Exposition boulevard car—have you found it yet?" reads a letter received today at the lost and found bureau of the Los Angeles railway.

Private Uribe Sanosowsky of the Seventy-first regiment, New York, is the author of the letter.

According to the letter, it seems that he has just traced a \$5 bill that disappeared from his pocket in this city four years ago. Four long and perhaps weary years have not obliterated the memory of that hard earned "fiver" that went astray.

But now, after the lapse of four years, it is as clear as if it were yesterday. Private Sanosowsky was about to alight from the car and as he withdrew his hand from his pocket the bill must have fallen on the floor, according to his letter. The conductor surely must have picked it up.

However, Private Sanosowsky is, doomed to disappointment, for the lost and found clerk says he has no record of a stray \$5 bill.

Motorbike Bandit Is Latest Type of Highwayman Here

A new type of holdup man was reported to have invaded Los Angeles today.

Claude Allen of 119 North Olive street reported to the police that while he was walking in the vicinity of West Adams and Figueroa streets a man drove up on a motorcycle and called him to the curb.

Allen approached him and the motorcycle rider drew a revolver and ordered him to put up his hands.

The bandit descended from his machine and searched Allen's pockets. Finding nothing of value, he ordered his intended victim to walk on and sped away on his machine before Allen could read the license number.

Registered Mail Sacks Are Stolen From Rail Station

By International News Service
ROCHESTER, Minn., Feb. 21.—Two sacks of registered mail from Detroit were stolen from the depot here today. Sheriff James Butler and a half dozen deputies are on the trail of the robbers.

The mail was thrown from the Detroit train shortly after 8 o'clock last night. It was taken into the depot and the depot locked for the night. The loss was discovered when the station was opened this morning.

One Killed, 7 Hurt As Train Hits Bus

By International News Service
WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 21.—One man was killed and seven persons injured, two seriously, when a Rock Island railroad passenger train demolished a motor bus at a street crossing here today. Wendell P. Hicks, a passenger, was the man killed. N. A. Duncan, another passenger, is not expected to live. C. E. Mason, driver of the bus, is dangerously injured. Some of the passengers were hurled through the windows.

Train Is Derailed, 100 Escape Death

By International News Service
DANVILLE, Ill., Feb. 21.—One hundred passengers miraculously escaped injury this morning when a Cincinnati and Indianapolis train in which they were riding was derailed between Montezuma and Hillsdale, Ind.

\$4,000,000 PERMIT FOR NEW L. A. HOTEL

Trail Another Suspect in Film Death Case

BILT MORE TO SET MARK IN BUILDING

Steel and Concrete Structure
of 14 Stories to Be Most
Costly Edifice on Coast

An application for the largest building permit ever issued in Los Angeles was filed with City Building Inspector J. J. Backus today when plans for the new Biltmore hotel, to be constructed at Fifth and Olive streets at a cost of more than \$4,000,000, were submitted for approval of the city's building authorities today.

The permit requested is declared to be for the most costly building ever constructed on the Pacific coast.

The new hotel which will be operated under the same plan as the famous Biltmore hotel in New York city, will be financed by a group of local capitalists. The structure is to be the most elaborate and sumptuous hostelry in America, it is declared by the hotel experts who have supervised the plans prepared by Shultze & Weaver, New York architects.

910 GUEST ROOMS
The structure will race on Olive street, opposite Pershing square, and will be 14 stories in height. It will contain palatial dining rooms, ball rooms and roof gardens, and will have a total of 910 guest rooms.

The building is to be in Class A of steel frame and reinforced concrete with brick walls finished in terra cotta tile.

Its frontage on Olive street will be 320 feet. The depth on Fifth street will be 134 feet.

On Olive street, it will have a private automobile entrance to the south portal of the hotel.

M'CORMICK IS NOT AT HOME TO NEW 'KIN'

Swiss Horseman's Relative
Seeks to Extend Family Wel-
come; Stays Outside

By United Press Wire
CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—"Cousin" Emil Burgi rattled up to call on his new "relations"—the family of Harold F. McCormick—but didn't get past the front porch.

Emil, cousin of Max Oser, Swiss livestock stable proprietor whose engagement to Mathilde McCormick, 16, has been announced, just wanted to meet "cousin Mathilde" and welcome her into the family, he said today.

"I didn't bring mamma along with me because she is tied up with the family washing," Emil apologized to reporters when he "flivvered" up to the McCormick mansion.

He rang the bell.

"PUT 'ER THERE"
"Put 'er there," exclaimed Emil as he extended his hand "when the door opened, 'America knows how to take care of her war heroes.'"

That was Emil's first mistake. He thought the butler, was a war hero because he was dressed like a Balkan general.

"I'm cousin Emil," he continued. "I came to pay my respects to my new relations. In the old country we always make these calls before the wedding."

Emil waited.

EYE TO BUSINESS
"A little paint here and there around this place would go fine," Emil, a decorator, mused. "Maybe Mr. McCormick will give me a job."

E. N. HURLEY, Who
WILL SPEAK AT
C. OF C. BANQUET



EX-HEAD OF U. S. SHIPPING BODY REACHES L. A.

Coming to Los Angeles from Phoenix, Ariz., and bringing with him an optimistic message, Edward N. Hurley, one of the nation's foremost authorities on shipping, and former chairman of the United States shipping board, arrived in this city today. He will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce at the Ambassador hotel tomorrow night.

Hurley is particularly interested in Pacific Coast shipping and it was planned today to have him visit Los Angeles harbor during his stay here. In addition to being the head of the shipping board during the war he also was president of the Emergency Fleet corporation and many vessels ordered by the organization he represented were built at Los Angeles harbor.

ORIGINATE RIVETER
More than 30 years ago Hurley originated the pneumatic tool industry in this country and Europe and by 1896 had developed it on

CHAUFFEUR TO BE QUESTIONED AGAIN IN PROBE

Holding tenaciously to the theory that a woman killed William Desmond Taylor, slain film director, Undersheriff Biscailuz today began questioning numerous witnesses following the revealing of information that pointed to a possible solution of the murder.

One of the first witnesses Biscailuz planned to question was a chauffeur who has been twice questioned by District Attorney Woolwine. It was considered a possibility that the woman who employs the chauffeur will be questioned again in connection with Biscailuz's inquiry.

Officers also took up the trail of a negro named Anderson, sought as a suspect in the case.

ALL-NIGHT SEARCH
Trace of the negro Anderson was found by the detectives after an all-night search. Anderson was injected into the case by Henry Peavey, Taylor's negro valet-cook. Peavey said that he met Anderson, whom he had known in St. Louis, on the street near Taylor's home about two weeks before the murder.

Anderson told Peavey he was out of work and Peavey took him to the Taylor home, where he telephoned to a friend of Taylor's who needed a servant. Anderson obtained this position, but a week before Taylor was slain he again appeared at the Taylor home and told Peavey he had quit.

"Anderson stayed at the house with me for several hours and then left. I haven't seen him since," Peavey said.

KNEW OF JEWELS
From Peavey the detectives learned that Anderson, because of his visits there, was well acquainted with Taylor's home and knew of the jewelry and money Taylor usually had with him.

Information concerning a secret bank account of Taylor's in New York, which was reported to Public Administrator Bryson yesterday, was eagerly awaited today. The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York informed Bryson that Taylor had deposited \$7811.52 in its bank in the fall of 1919. The money was deposited in two installments, one of \$3300 on Aug. 20, 1919, and the other of \$4511.52, on Oct. 7. As the account now stands there

LATEST NEWS

CALL TROOPS TO END RIOTS IN STRIKE ZONE
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 21.—Gov. E. J. San Souci today called out all available state militia to restore order in the Blackstone and Pawtucket valleys, where two men have been killed and many wounded in strike clashes.

L. A. WOMAN PLUNGES TO DEATH FROM SHIP
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Alice Hills leaped off a fell overboard today from the Matson Navigation Co.'s steamer Buckeye State, according to wireless to the company's offices received this morning from Capt. John Daggett, master of the vessel. An hour after Mrs. Hills was lost, Harold Holloway, a waiter, met the same fate. Neither body has been recovered. Mrs. Hills booked passage on the vessel at Los Angeles, giving Mission Inn, Riverside, as her address. The Buckeye State left San Francisco Saturday for Baltimore.

POLICE FIRE ON STRIKE MOB; MANY SHOT

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Feb. 21.—A striker was killed and several persons wounded today when police with riot guns fired into a crowd of textile workers near the Jencks Spinning Co. mills here. The riot act was read.

HARDING IS FOR YEAR'S DELAY ON BONUS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—President Harding is "strongly in favor" of postponing soldier bonus legislation until next year, it was learned on reliable authority today.

The President communicated his view to a Republican senator who called at the White House. He did not say that he would veto a bonus bill if it is sent to him, but indicated he might do so if protests continue to reach him.

Too wide a split between various factions in the nation's leading bodies was believed to have caused the President's reported recommendation.

It was declared that the Republican caucus on the soldiers' bonus and the sales tax as a combination had failed to cast any light on the

SUSPECT TO NAME TAYLOR KILLER

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ROTARY CELEBRATES 17TH ANNIVERSARY

Here Is
William
Sepkens,
President
of Los
Angeles
Rotary Club,
Who Will
Speak
Message
of Optimism
into Wireless
Telephone
at Big
Store and
Which Will
Be Heard
by 10,000
Persons
Within
Radius of
1000 Miles.
Sketch by
Artist
Nofziger



Southern California Clubs to
Hold Inter-City Meet To-
night at Beach

The seventeenth anniversary of
the International Rotary clubs will
be celebrated at the inter-city meet
of Southern California Rotary
clubs, to be held tonight, at the
Virginia hotel, Long Beach.

Members of nine new clubs will
be initiated into Rotarianism, and
speakers from all over Southern
California are scheduled to appear.
One of the big features of the
seventeenth anniversary celebra-
tion will be the sending of a mes-
sage of typical Rotarian optimism,
from the wireless telephone station
of Hamburger's department store,
at Eighth street and Broadway.
The station is said to be one of the
most powerful in the country and
has a sending radius of 1000 miles.
The message, which will be spoken
into the transmitter by William
Sepkens, president of the Los An-
geles Rotary club, will be heard by
approximately 10,000 persons.

PLAN FOR CONVENTION
The business session of the Long
Beach meeting tonight will be taken
up in the discussion and formula-
tion of plans for the coming inter-
national convention of Rotary clubs
to be held in Los Angeles June 5
to 10, when 10,000 visiting Rotarians
are expected to be in the city.

SECRET MESSAGES
It has been the contention of the
state that Mrs. Obenchain, plotting
with Burch to kill Kennedy because
he had killed her, visited Burch in
his room at the hotel and spied on
Kennedy, or transmitted secret
messages to him by means of the
handkerchief.

Following a three-day recess be-
cause of illness of members of the
jury and state witnesses, Mrs. Oben-
chain's trial will be resumed in the
morning. Deputy District Attorney
Charles Fricks, for the prosecution,
and W. B. Betts, of defense counsel,
were among those who were the
heaviest sufferers from illness.

SHIP MAKES FLIGHT
AKRON, O., Feb. 22.—The first
dirigible strictly in the United States
to have a gear transmission made a
successful trial flight here yes-
terday.

3 PROBES TO FIX AIR DEATH BLAME

Slayer Tries to End Life in Jail

THIRD DEGREE PRISONER IS BY WIRE IN MURDER INQUIRY TORMENTED BY VISION OF WIFE

Man Held by Detroit Sheriff
Claims He Knows Who
Slew Director

Grilled in a telegraphic "third
degree" which kept the wires hot
between Los Angeles and Detroit,
Harry N. Fields, under arrest in the
Michigan city, today followed up
his statements that he knows the
slayer of William Desmond Taylor
with statements that he was in Los
Angeles on the night of the murder
and will tell the name of the man
who, he said, killed the film direc-
tor.

Fields was questioned closely by
Detroit officers at the direction of
Sheriff Traeger who, by means of
telegrams, flashed a series of ques-
tions which were put to the man
who says he can clear the mystery
of the murder. Fields' answers
were sent back to Los Angeles al-
most as soon as he spoke them.

SHERIFF'S PURPOSE
By this telegraphic "third degree"
Traeger sought to establish the
truth or falsity of Fields' story.
Fields, alias "Harry the Chink,"
was arrested at the request of the
Detroit police on a charge of forgery
in Buffalo, N. Y. Three other men
were taken into custody with him.
Soon after his arrest he told Sheriff
Coffin, in Detroit, that he knew the
man who killed Taylor.

The Detroit prisoner is a noto-
rious truth or falsity of Fields' story.
known here. Coffin stated that
Fields was a member of a "dope"
peddling gang said to have operated
in Southern California.

IMPORTANT CLEW
The Detroit sheriff, after placing
Fields under special guard, an-
nounced that Fields' story showed
no serious discrepancies and will
throw highly important new light
on the mystery. It proved true.
Traeger asked for all possible in-
formation concerning Fields' dis-
closures.

While Fields was being questioned
detectives expressed doubt that Har-
vey H. Adams, arrested at Concord,
Mass., both during and after the
murder.

PETER THOMPSON,
WIFE SLAYER, WHO
ATTEMPTS SUICIDE



Town Threatened By \$300,000 Fire In Big Dept. Store

By International News Service
BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 22.—A
fire starting early today in the
ruins of Harry Levy's department
store for a time threatened the
business section here and before
the flames were under control sev-
eral stores had been destroyed.
The damage is estimated at be-
tween \$250,000 and \$300,000. One
fireman was overcome by smoke.
The Levy store was burned last
night.

Lives Periled as Swollen Rivers Flood Lowlands

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—Sacra-
mento and San Joaquin Valley
rivers were near the high-water
mark today and fears for those lo-
cated in the lowlands were held.
At Sacramento the water was
close to the 22-foot mark early this
morning. The Bear and Black Rascal
creeks leaped their banks late
last night and flooded the state
highway in several places.
The highways were expected to be
closed to traffic today.

DIRIGIBLE HORRORS TOLD AS U. S. PLANS MORE FLYING TESTS

ARMY SUPPLY BASE, HAMPTON ROADS, Va.,
Feb. 22.—Despite the death, suffering and sorrow
which have resulted from the two great dirigible catas-
trophies within a year, Uncle Sam will not abandon his
fleet of battlehips of the sky.

This was the statement
made by aviation experts here
today and echoed from Wash-
ington, where the army and
navy air chiefs have their
posts.

While the gaunt skeleton of the
burned and broken Roma, still
weighted down the corpses of the
last air tragedy's victims, new ex-
periments and new flights with
other sky carriers were going for-
ward today.

TERRORS RELATED
Out of the confusion and excite-
ment attendant upon the accident
itself there emerged today the first
coherent narratives of the disaster,
tales of terror told by men who in
a fleeting second saw themselves
impelled and their comrades swept
through direct suffering to a fiery
doom.

While three concurrent investiga-
tions were being rushed by army
officials fellow airmen honored
their dead as crusaders of the sky,
who suddenly were overtaken by a
fickle fate.

ELEVEN SURVIVORS
There are 11 survivors of the
crash and the terrific fire that made
a funeral pyre of the trapped air-
men. The death list today officially
stood at 24.
Those of the survivors able to
talk today blamed the catastrophe
on a broken elevating control and
a Liberty motor which went
"dead."

The Roma was making its first
test flight after Liberty motors had
replaced the original Italian en-
gines.
Out of the mass of stories it was
apparent today that the crew and
passengers of the Roma for the
most part "never had a chance to
escape."

Trapped beneath the falling en-
velope of the bag, they were blasted
into blackened, shriveled corpses in
closed to traffic today.

POLICEMAN IS ACCUSED OF ROBBERY

After Herman Flenold, 1346 East
Seventeenth street, reported early
today to the police that he was held
up and robbed at Eighth street and
Maple avenue by a policeman and
two civilians, Patrolman Ernest L.
Rumbo, aged 23, an emergency of-
ficer, was suspended by Police Lieut.
A. H. Ferns, pending an investiga-
tion of his alleged implication in
the asserted robbery.

Flenold was walking in Eighth
street when a taxicab drove up to
the curb, he told the police, and the
policeman and two other men com-
manded him to put up his hands.

CHARGES ROBBERY
He charges that the uniformed
officer and one of the men, searched
through his clothing for a revolver
and when they failed to find one,
Flenold alleges, they robbed him of \$2.

At the conclusion of the alleged
robbery, the man in the policeman's
uniform and his companions drove
away.
Flenold hurried to central station
and told Lieut. Ferns and Lieut.
Slater, commander of the police fly-
ing squadron, of the robbery.
Detective Oker investigated and

TO TELL MADALYNNE'S 'WIG WAG OF DEATH'

A woman's white handkerchief
flashing a veritable "wig-wag of
death" to J. Belton Kennedy from
the window of the room occupied
by Arthur C. Burch in a hotel on
South Broadway, is the amazing
theme of a story to be told by a
new state witness, who will take
the stand against Madalynne C.
Obenchain when her trial on the
charge of plotting the murder of
Kennedy is resumed tomorrow.

The startling story of the flut-
tering white handkerchief, it is
said, will be told by a woman who
was a janitress in the building
where young Kennedy had his
insurance office up to the time he
was killed in Beverly Glen on the
night of Aug. 5.

Whether this important witness
will be able to identify Mrs. Oben-
chain is not known. It is said that
her story will be to the effect that,
while she was in the office building
on the afternoon of Aug. 5, she saw
what was obviously a "wig-wag" being
given by a handkerchief, that being
given by a woman sitting at the
window in the hotel room.

It will be the purpose of the state
to argue from this testimony that
what the janitress saw was a death
message being "wig-wagged"
to Kennedy as he sat in his office

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Pasadena Man Leaps 8 Stories to Death

SALESMAN ENDS LIFE TO ESCAPE FRAUD TRIAL

MAYRE HALL, WHO
SAYS FIANCE HAD
WIFE AND FAMILY



Charles Guy Kills Self on Day
He Was Scheduled to Plead
to Swindling Charge

Despondent because of financial difficulties, Charles Guy, 40, a Pasadena salesman, with relatives living in Los Angeles, committed suicide at San Francisco today by leaping out of an eight-story window of the room in the Maryland hotel in that city, according to dispatches from the Bay city.

Guy was dead when picked up on the street by pedestrians, it was said.

According to dispatches, Guy was to have appeared today in police court to answer to a charge of having obtained money under false pretences. He was arrested in Oakland on Feb. 13, on this charge, and has been greatly worried over the matter.

TO MEET BROTHER
His brother, A. D. Guy of this city, has an appointment to meet him this morning.

Charles Guy, however, apparently was unable to face his brother and as the time for the meeting drew near, he fell into deep despondency, from which nothing could lift him. Shortly before the hour for the appointment, he walked to a window on the eighth floor of the Maryland hotel and threw open a window.

LEAPS TO STREET

After a glance down from the dizzy height, Guy leaped into space. His body crashed to the pavement below, narrowly missing pedestrians on their way to work.

His body was picked up and rushed to the receiving hospital, but surgeons declared that the man had died instantly.

His body was later removed to an undertaking establishment, pending funeral arrangements.

**Seek Cheap Rate
for Vet Meetings**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—An amendment providing that the one-cent-per-mile rate be granted all veterans traveling to and from their national conventions or encampments has been introduced to the transportation act by Senator Wesley Jones of Washington. The amendment, if passed, will make permanent the special rate granted the American Legion by the railroads last year.

TO GIVE FRENCH PROGRAM
Artists of the French colony of Los Angeles will present a special program of French classics in the Polytechnic high school auditorium tomorrow evening. The Polytechnic orchestra will assist.

DEDICATE FAIR GROUNDS
EL CENTRO, Feb. 23.—Dedication of the new Imperial county fair grounds took place here with more than 3000 in attendance.

SIX AGED MEN MISSING
SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 23.—Six men ranging from 70 to 80 years of age are missing here today following the showing of the film "Rejuvenation."

Pretty Girl Asks
\$50,000 in Breach
Of Promise Suit

Bringing to a climax three months of waiting for marriage, during which, she alleges, she learned that her fiance was a married man with a family, a breach of promise suit filed by Miss Mayre Hall, a young and pretty Los Angeles girl, in which \$50,000 heart balm is asked, was on file in the superior court today.

The defendant in the suit J. F. Betanzo, said to be a wealthy representative of the Mexican government.

According to Miss Hall, she first met Betanzo in November of last year. On Dec. 16, the plaintiff asserts, he proposed marriage and was accepted.

Attorney David A. Hill, with offices in the Citizens National Bank building, filed the suit in behalf of Miss Hall.

**Urge Legislative
Action Against
Wood Alcohol Sale**

By International News Service
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 23.—Sale of denatured alcohol will be halted by the next legislature, if a recommendation of the coroner's jury in the case of Frank Sherman, killed by drinking the poisonous poison, is carried out. If not halted altogether, stringent restrictions on its sale was recommended.

The coroner's jury held that in view of Sherman's death and the poisoning of at least 10 other persons here in the last few weeks, some of whom are now lying between life and death, that a law should be passed to prohibit the sale of denatured alcohol when it is known that it is to be drunk.

**11 PERISH AS MEX.
SHIP HITS REEF**

By United Press
NOGALES, Ariz., Feb. 23.—Eleven lives were lost when the schooner Aurora, Capt. Martinez, went on a reef near the arsenal at the entrance of Vera Cruz harbor, according to Mexican press dispatches received here today.

The Aurora was from ports in Campeche and Yucatan. Jose Sanchez and Juan Acedo, from the Vera Cruz arsenal, rescued all of the Aurora's passengers in a small boat, according to the advices.

They were returning for the captain and crew when the Aurora slipped from the reef and sank. None of the 11 were rescued. The waters are shark infested.

BATTLE JAZZ MUSIC
TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 23.—A law prohibiting jazz music was advocated by the Seattle Women's club at a meeting here.

TRACE \$1000 BILL IN TAYLOR KILLING

May Free Food From Bonus Taxes

COFFEE, TEA, SUGAR WILL BE EXEMPT

Mellon's Plan for Excise on
Necessities of Life Would
Kill Bill, Is Belief

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Coffee, tea and sugar with other foods will be exempt from the sales tax wherewith it is planned to raise cash for the soldier bonus.

The house ways and means committee Republican sub-committee has already decided against a tax on coffee, tea and sugar—as recommended secretly by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon—it leaked out today.

The majority of the committee is opposed to any foods being taxed since that would hit the poor man's pocket and probably kill the tax at its inception.

QUICK ACTION
The bill will be completed as quickly as possible, and, after its approval by the committee, will be presented in the house.

It is not expected to be completed until late next week, according to those on the committee.

The rates to be imposed in the bonus sales tax will be lower than those now in effect in Canada. In this bill, all foodstuffs and essentials of all kind are exempt.

MELLON'S PLAN
The sales tax plan as submitted by Secretary of Treasury Mellon yesterday was rejected. Mellon proposed, instead of levying a general sales tax, with certain exemptions, as under the Canadian law, that a long list of specific articles be taxed.

The sub-committee is considering advisability of making the tax either 1 per cent on manufacturers' sales to both wholesalers and retailers or of reducing the Canadian schedule to 1 per cent on sales to wholesalers and 2 per cent on sales to retailers.

During yesterday's meeting it was also proposed by those opposed to the bonus that it be postponed for two or three months to give the American foreign loan-funding commission an opportunity to try and collect some of the \$11,000,000,000 in loans and interest due from European nations.

The sub-committee, however, expressed the opinion that the foreign loan situation is too nebulous to base the bonus on it, and rejected the suggestion.

Military Reduction Is Planned by Leaders in House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The army and navy will be cut almost to pre-war strength in enlisted man power, with a saving of approximately \$275,000,000 in the next fiscal year, under plans that were maturing rapidly among house leaders today.

A standing army of 100,000 and a navy enlisted personnel of 60,000 have been practically agreed upon, according to Chairman Madden of the house appropriation committee and Chairman Butler of the naval affairs committee.

JAPAN GUNS HALT VOTE RIOTERS

TOKIO, Feb. 23.—Troops and police were called today to guard the parliament building and the residences of prominent officials against demonstrations by advocates of universal suffrage for men.

Vote troubles are rocking the empire to its foundation.

Between 7000 and 10,000 troops were on guard duty during the day. Although the situation was menacing and threats were heard on all sides, the vast crowds surging around the various buildings apparently were held under control by the military.

The demonstrators demand practical withdrawal of the present property and other qualifications for voters.

The troops were fully armed and ready to put down riotous outbreaks with bullet or bayonet.

Ten thousand country delegates arrived today, bringing petitions signed by over half a million people.

Bosch Mag. Head Is Worried, Report

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Martin Kern, who acquired the Bosch Magneto Co. at a price far below what it is said to have been worth, is greatly worried, according to a letter from Paris, received here.

Kern wrote: "My house of cards is crumbling and falling with a crash," and termed himself as "a man without a country."

ROMA FLYING TOO LOW, IS CLAIM

Italian Government Representative Tells Cause of U. S. Airship Disaster

By International News Service
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 23.—The army board of inquiry, now investigating the cause of the Roma disaster, will completely absolve the dirigible's officers and crew from all blame for the catastrophe, it was learned authoritatively today.

By WEBSTER K. NOLAN
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Breaking of the control cables of the semi-rigid dirigible Roma was responsible for the disaster only because the vessel was flying too low, Lieut. Col. Alessandro Guidoni, air attaché of the Italian embassy here, informed the International News Service.

The ship was purchased from the Italian government and Col. Guidoni was one of the negotiating officers. If the cable snapped while the premier greyhound of the air was sailing at greater altitude the vessel could have glided to earth with engines throttled, the toll of dead would have been zero and the giant flyer would have been intact, Col. Guidoni declared.

TELLS OF DANGER
The Roma was too close to the earth, the expert declared. Col. Guidoni is thoroughly familiar with the technique of the construction of the Roma.

"The danger in flying too low was never more forcefully demonstrated than in the sad fate of the Roma, the loss of whose precious human freight is felt most keenly by my government and by my people," Col. Guidoni said.

Great commendation was given the command and crew of the Roma by Col. Guidoni, who asserted he knew most of them personally.

"DID THEIR BEST"
"I am firm in my belief that the accident was not caused by the failure on the part of the command to execute their difficult task in the most expert fashion," Guidoni said.

"They could have done nothing more than they did, considering the height at which they were flying."

LIEUT. CUMMINGS,
VICTIM OF AIR
DISASTER IN EAST



Aero Circles Here
Mourn Death of
Monrovia Flier

Southern California aeronautical circles were in deep mourning today for Lieut. Wallace C. Cummings, for three years a resident of Monrovia, one of the victims of the disaster which overtook the semi-rigid dirigible Roma. Thirty-four men lost their lives when the giant of the air crashed to earth at Hampton Roads, Va.

Only two short months ago Lieut. Cummings, accompanied by his wife and daughter Betty, left Monrovia for the East to continue his work in the aviation branch of the war department.

**Predict Blizzard
to Sweep Chicago**

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The weather bureau sent out warnings today to the people of Chicago to be prepared for a blizzard coming from the north and expected to reach here some time this afternoon. A record for the warmest Washington's birthday was broken, the mercury having dropped to 67 degrees at 4 p. m.

DIRECTOR'S PLEA FOR U. S. AID IN WAR ON DRUG RING IS BARED

Trace of a \$1000 bill out of which Harry N. Fields, alias "Harry the Chink," says he was paid \$900 for driving the automobile used by the slayer of William Desmond Taylor, was sought by deputy sheriffs in Los Angeles today in checking over Fields' astounding "confession" that he was a member of a narcotic peddling gang that committed the murder for revenge.

The deputies planned to visit every bank and branch bank in the city in search for the teller who, according to Fields, "broke" the \$1000 bill into ten \$100 notes to enable the slayer to pay him for piloting the "murder car."

SEEK DEATH GUN
Dispatches from Detroit, where Fields is in jail, stated today that the veracity of Fields' so-called "confession" hinges on the tracing of the \$1000 bill and the discovery of the gun used in the slaying which, he said, was hidden here.

Sheriff Coffin of Detroit, announced that he has received information from Los Angeles which tends to show that Fields' story of the murder was correct and that he had been informed that the most amazing "dope" ring has been found through Fields' statement to him.

FIGHTS NARCOTICS RING
Corroborating Fields' "confession," it was disclosed today that Taylor, months ago, appealed to federal officers in Los Angeles to help him thwart the "dope ring" and save from its clutches a woman he is said to have loved and who, it is claimed, was an addict.

The discovery that Taylor instigated a secret investigation by federal officers of traffic in narcotics for the purpose of exposing the "dope" peddlers who were victimizing the woman, today appeared to be concrete evidence to substantiate the theory of the slaying as disclosed by Fields.

TELLS OF PLOT
Fields' story to Detroit officers was that the drug ring plotted to kill Taylor because Taylor, to save the woman, enlisted the aid of the federal authorities. He said he was

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MADALYNNE TRIAL IS RESUMED

A beauty parlor love rendezvous held by J. Belton Kennedy and Mrs. Madalynne C. Obenchain was the story the prosecution prepared to lay before the jury trying Mrs. Madalynne C. Obenchain on the charge of plotting the murder of Kennedy when her trial was resumed today after three days' recess in Superior Judge Reeve's court.

Louise M. Wilson, proprietor of a downtown beauty parlor, was the witness whom the state was ready to call for the purpose of telling the beauty parlor aide of the love affair between Mrs. Obenchain and the wealthy young broker with whose death she and Arthur C. Burch are charged. It was said that both the principals in the tragic love affair made a confidant of Mrs. Wilson.

TELL OF POSTCARD
It was to the proprietor of an exclusive beauty shop that Mrs. Obenchain, after waiting in vain at San Francisco for young Kennedy to carry out his alleged agreement to go there and marry her, wrote the postcard carrying the phrase:

"I'm going to Honolulu and he can go to the dickens."

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WOMEN SEE 'BLUEBEARD' EXECUTED

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GIRL CLEW IN TAYLOR MURDER TRACED TO S. F.

Finds 302 'Lost Race' Skeletons

Film Beauty's Wedding Comes as Big Surprise

PLEA FOR HELP IN PHONE MESSAGE TO BAY CITY, IS PROBED

SLAYER OF 11 COOLLY GOES TO DEATH

Many in Evening Garb Watch Landru Die; Murderer Protests Innocence

VERSAILLES, Feb. 25.—In the misty dawn, Henri "Bluebeard" Landru, France's arch-murderer, was beheaded on the guillotine before the gate of St. Pierre prison today.

He had been found guilty on Nov. 3 of the murder of 10 women to whom he had made love and offered marriage, and a boy, the son of one of his victims.

Landru protested his innocence to the very end.

Two small glasses of rum formed the last breakfast of Landru. He refused to eat any solid food, saying he was beyond all need of sustenance.

KEEPS COURAGE
"I will be brave," were the last words he uttered, just before the knife fell.

It was about eight minutes after 6 when Landru's head rolled from the execution block.

He carried with him into the great beyond his secret of the missing women he was convicted of slaying for their savings.

Arch Slayer Expects Reprieve to the Last

By United Press
VERSAILLES, Feb. 25.—"I am innocent. I have nothing to add. I hope some one will care for my children," were the last words of the man accused of many crimes, including white slavery, abduction and the slaying of ten of his sweethearts and the burning of their bodies, when "Bluebeard" Henri Landru, most remarkable criminal of modern times, was executed today on the guillotine for the murders of ten women and a boy.

Landru, who up until the last moment had expected a reprieve, met death stoically. Only at the last moment, when he was led out into the cold dawn and as the frame of the hastily erected guillotine loomed up in the light, did the notorious slayer falter momentarily.

He refused religious consolation which was offered him in his death cell early this morning and declined liquor and a cigarette.

Cloudy Skies and Possible Showers, Weather Forecast

Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow, with possible showers, was the weather forecast issued today by Col. H. B. Hersey, government meteorologist, in charge of the federal weather bureau here.

That there is little likelihood of rain, was a statement made by the weather forecaster.

The precipitation registered here yesterday was brought by a storm drifting in from Northern California.

The rain gauge registered .04 of an inch. This brings the season's precipitation to 17.07 inches, as against 7.04 inches at this time last year. Normal rainfall for the season is 15.64 inches.

Big Parley to Avert Coal Strike Likely
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Acceptance of a government call for a conference of bituminous coal operators and miners to avert a nationwide coal strike is virtually assured, according to authoritative government observers today.

MARY WAITS WEDDING IN SECLUSION

560-Pound Cake Is Brought to Buckingham Palace for Princess

By International News Service
LONDON, Feb. 25.—Princess Mary, daughter of King George and Queen Mary, today elected to spend her last week-end before her marriage at Buckingham palace. She has declined all invitations to appear in public again before her marriage to Viscount Lascelles in Westminster Abbey on Tuesday.

The princess will give her final engagement party to a few intimate friends at Buckingham palace on Monday.

BIG WEDDING CAKE
The monster wedding cake, standing six feet high and weighing 560 pounds, was delivered to Buckingham palace in a motor truck. It took 12 men to handle this bit of pastry. The cake contains 100 pounds of almond paste. It is a master piece of the baker's art.

The cake now reposes on a great silver stand in the banquet room of Buckingham palace.

GIFT FROM 'GRANNY'
A homely touch has been given to the gift display by some of the inscriptions upon the jewelry presents. Queen Alexandra's gift—a magnificent rope of pearls, emeralds and diamonds—was inscribed "From your loving old granny, Alex."

A silver mirror from a group of army officers was inscribed: "From your brother officers." The princess is an honorary officer in a guards regiment.

HUT OF LAST SURVIVOR IS FOUND

N. Y. Museum Expedition Finds Relics of Extinct Indians on San Nicolas

By International News Service
LONDON, Feb. 25.—Three hundred and two complete skeletons of members of the extinct race of Indians who inhabited the island of San Nicolas were obtained during the last four months by Prof. Ralph Glidden of the Museum of the American Indian, Heye foundation, New York city, who has just concluded an exhaustive investigation of the wind-swept island for relics and data of the vanished tribe. The skeletons and other relics, a total of half a ton, have been shipped to the museum in the East, it was announced today.

Prof. Glidden's party, consisted of Arthur Taschenberger and Jake Kemper, who left Avalon Oct. 20 on the launch Imperial for the island of San Nicolas, and since then have been out of touch with the rest of the world.

For the last seven years Prof. Glidden has been engaged in locating and collecting Indian relics for the Heye foundation, and he has found over 1000 graves on the island.

"LONE WOMAN"
Prof. Glidden found traces of the famous "Lone Woman of San Nicolas," last of her race on any of the channel islands, who was discovered running wild in 1832 and later died in a mission at Santa Barbara.

He said he found the camp she had used for cooking purposes, but that it was almost obliterated as the result of the fierce winds which visit the island. He also found the skeleton of a 4-year-old child in the one-time camp of the woman, and near the skeleton was found an old smoking pipe.

According to reports received here from Avalon, here is what Prof. Glidden found on San Nicolas besides the skeletons:
That since his last visit there seven years ago, wind had covered his former camping place with sand to a depth of 11 feet.



Faith Hope Haas, film actress, whose wedding to Seattle business man is revealed.

HOME IS FIRED BY BLAZING 'GASSER'

Taking fire from intense heat radiated 300 feet by the burning Howard gas well No. 1 at Santa Fe Springs, a recently completed bungalow on the Norwalk-Puente road, belonging to W. H. Hepler, burst into flames early today and was totally destroyed. The loss was \$6000. Neighbors and members of the family, responding to calls of watchmen, carried many articles of furniture to a point of safety before the dwelling was entirely consumed. The family had been living in a nearby residence since their home was threatened.

SPRAYED WITH WATER
From the day the fire broke out in the well, 300 feet from the house, crews of men worked night and day spraying the bungalow with streams of water forced from an adjacent water hole, it was reported. The force-pump broke down early last

Faith Hope Haas Becomes Bride of Business Man of Seattle

Coming as a distinct surprise to the many friends of the couple, the marriage of Faith Hope Haas, known to followers of the silver screen as Faith Hope, to Max Boas, well known Seattle business man, was revealed today.

Following the nuptials the couple left for the Grand canyon, where they were spending their honeymoon today. After the honeymoon the bride and bridegroom will go to Seattle, where they will make their home.

Mrs. Boas is the sister of Manager Haas of Clune's Broadway theater. Boas has large business interests at Seattle.

DENY QUEEN IS ILL
LONDON, Feb. 25.—The reports that Queen Mother Alexandra was seriously ill were today said to be false and, on the contrary, it is reported that she is enjoying good health.

URGENT WHIPPING POST
PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 25.—Sheriff Lewis Hines recommended today that a whipping post be put in the court house yard to whip husbands who beat their wives.

A new trail, reaching from Los Angeles to San Francisco, which was likely to develop evidence that will bring startling results, was taken up in the William Desmond Taylor murder investigation today when Police Detective Herman Cline, working under District Attorney Woolwine's direction, was reported to be in the northern city tracing a telephone message sent by a woman on the night of the slaying.

The woman was said to have telephoned frantically to a friend at a San Francisco hotel, from Los Angeles, a few hours after the slaying, saying she was "in trouble" and needed help immediately.

GET TRACE OF MESSAGE
Trace of the message was reported to have been found several days ago by Cline and others at the offices of the telephone company here, information sufficient to warrant the hurried trip to San Francisco to check up on this new angle of the investigation. According to the information obtained by Cline, who was reported to have gone North last night, the message was sent to the St. Francis hotel.

Cline's mission was plainly for the purpose of questioning hotel employees and telephone operators in the northern city.

If Cline confirms the report that the woman sent the message saying she was "in trouble" and needed help shortly after Taylor was slain, Woolwine will have evidence that will bring startling developments in his investigation, it is believed. The woman said to have sent the message is one of the witnesses already questioned in the investigation by the district attorney.

DOUBT FIELDS
A sensational new story told by Harry Fields, in jail in Detroit, whose "confession" of participating in the Taylor murder lacks material substantiation, today caused officers in Los Angeles and the eastern city to doubt his statements more than ever.

Fields came out with a claim that a Hollywood woman was not only implicated in the murder, but actually gave a signal to the murderer that Taylor was alone in his home and could be slain without fear of detection. This new story by Fields was so sensational that detectives declared flatly it was "pure imagination."

Fields said that the woman hired him and three others, whom he named in his "confession," to kill Taylor, paying them \$1000 each. He

L. A. PENSION FIGHT TO GO ON BALLOT

Working in closer co-operation than ever before, nearly 2000 members of the police and fire departments of the city are fighting the suggestion of Chief of Police Everington, the police commission and the Municipal league that the 20-year service pension system be changed and that no retirements on pension be allowed under the age of 55 years.

Definite announcement was made today that not only will the firemen and policemen fight the proposed changes on the floor of the city council, but they will also place a charter amendment on the ballot at the primary election, Aug. 22, definitely specifying that men may retire on pension after 20 years' service and providing certain changes from the present system.

This, the officers say, will give the voters an opportunity to express themselves on the subject of pensions for policemen, firemen and their dependents.

Among the suggestions to be embodied in the charter amendment will be:

AID FOR DEPENDENTS
Service pensions after 20 years of service.
Dependent children to receive pension money only until they are 18 instead of 21 as at present.
Widows of men retired on pension to continue to receive the pension as long as the widows survive.
No man who is holding an office outside of civil service to retire on a pension, and the pension to be fixed on the average salary of the last three years preceding retirement.
This last provision would pre-

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LONDON IN GALA GARB FOR MARY'S MARRIAGE

MADALYNNE TAKEN TO MURDER SCENE

3 Shot in Gun Battles; 2 Are Nabbed

BULLETS FLY AFTER GAME OF CARDS

Watts Resident Wounded in Fight with Holdup Man Over \$1.70

Three gunfights, waged in Los Angeles and vicinity within a few hours of each other, resulted in three men being sent to hospitals today, according to reports to the sheriff's office. Two men were held in the county jail today in connection with probes of the affrays.

One of the gunfight victims, despite the fact that he was wounded five times, drove from the scene of the shooting to the offices of physicians for medical attention. All of the persons wounded will recover, physicians said.

Al McLaugh, well-to-do resident of Whittier, living in Passons boulevard, 2122 Paloma street, Watts, and A. Murrillo, 2218 Santa Fe avenue, were the persons shot.

Court Holds Suffrage Law Constitutional

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The woman's suffrage amendment to the federal constitution was declared legal by the supreme court today.

Hugh Gibson of L. A. Is Wedded To Belgian Girl

By United Press
BRUSSELS, Feb. 27.—Hugh Gibson of Los Angeles, American minister to Poland, and Miss Inez Reyntjens, daughter of a Belgian cavalry colonel, were married here today.

Hughes to Return to U. S. Next Week

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Secretary of State Hughes will return next Monday from his vacation trip to Bermuda, the state department announced today. A formal reply to the French and Italian notes on the Geneva economic conference will await the return of Mr. Hughes.

MRS. OBENCHAIN SOBS ON TRIP TO DEATH GLEN

The law today led Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, fair Chicago divorcee, from the county jail along the lonely road through Beverly Glen to the "love cabin" where, on the night of August 5, last, J. Belton Kennedy, young broker, was shot to death as he stepped from her side.

Although she had been declaring she hoped to get out into the sunshine from her cell, Mrs. Obenchain held back and bowed her head today as she was led to a waiting automobile in front of the hall of justice for the trip.

"I have done nothing to deserve this," Mrs. Obenchain almost sobbed as she walked to the machine.

The trial of the attractive woman on the murder charge that she had plotted with Arthur C. Burch, awaiting his second trial, to slay Kennedy in a love feud was halted that the jurors might be escorted to the scene of the crime.

One witness, H. C. Kirkman, an investigator for the county, was called to the stand when court convened for brief testimony while arrangements were being completed for the journey to the scene of death.

Kirkman identified a bullet-marked sapling that was offered in evidence. He said it was one of four saplings that stood in the path of the bullets fired at Kennedy as he was walking up a flight of stairs to the entrance of the cabin.

The sapling was offered in evidence that the prosecution might point out to the jury at the scene of the murder where the bullet-marked trees had been growing.

BOWS HEAD
Mrs. Obenchain bowed her head and made every effort to conceal her features from the throng of curious that lined the sidewalk as she was led from the hall of justice.

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PROBE REPORT OF L. A. DRUGGIST SLAYING

Detectives of the university police station and representatives of the coroner's office today were sent to Ninety-fourth street and Vermont avenue to investigate a report that a druggist had been found slain in his store. First reports, giving meager details, said the body of a man was found in the rear of the store, a window of the room being open. The man, it was reported, had been shot.

TWO GIRLS SLAIN BY YOUTH, IS REPORT

PLAINVIEW, Tex., Feb. 27.—Two girls, both about 18, were shot and killed as they lay in bed at their home at Floydada, 30 miles from here, according to meager reports reaching Plainview which said a young man suspected of the shooting attempted to kill himself while being pursued by the sheriff.

RAILWAY BODY WOMAN IN POOR HEALTH ENDS HER LIFE

Prepared to demand that the inquiry reach into every corner of the rate situation, representatives of more than a score of cities appeared before the railroad commission today, when the state body launched its investigation into the rates now being charged by the Southern California Edison Co.

City attorneys from practically every city of consequence in the county and a number from other cities in this territory, were scheduled to take part in the proceedings.

RATE ARE ATTACKED
That the rates granted the Edison company last April will result in a greater net return than is considered reasonable under present times and conditions, is a contention of the cities on which attorneys for the



THOUSANDS JAM CITY FOR BIG CEREMONY

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, K. G., whose nuptials will take place in Westminster abbey tomorrow at noon, signed the pre-marriage contracts today. It is understood that the princess signed a renunciation of her rights of succession to the throne.

The last of the wedding receptions took place this afternoon at Buckingham palace. Among invited guests were the tenants of Viscount Lascelles' great estates at Harwood. Several of the Lascelles tenants, including the village butcher, were invited to the marriage ceremony.

A general holiday has been ordered at Harwood, where there is great rejoicing over Viscount Lascelles' good fortune in winning the hand of the daughter of the king.

FOLLOW OLD CUSTOM
According to ancient custom, Queen Mary will awaken her daughter tomorrow and wish her a long life of married happiness. This beautiful ceremony has long been handed down through the royal family.

Crowds are descending upon London today and the streets are in gala attire. The city is taking on the aspect of a huge fair. There is a general air of rejoicing and the royal marriage is the chief topic of conversation.



PRINCESS MARY
VISCOUNT LASCELLES

Man Trained as L. A. Auto Thief Is Caught in Arizona

Trained through many states, C. C. Champ, alleged to have stolen an automobile in this city, was arrested today at Winslow, Ariz., by City Marshal Enoch Wilson of that city and held for the Los Angeles county sheriff's office.

At the sheriff's office here it was said that Champ was trailed through Texas and Oklahoma to Arizona. He was said to have been en route to Los Angeles when taken into custody. It was reported that he was driving the alleged stolen automobile. Champ will fight extradition, it was said.

ILLINOIS SOCIAL
Arrangements were made today for a social of Loyal Illinoisans to be held Friday evening in Music Arts hall.

FILM MURDER WOMAN TO BE RE-QUIZZED

New developments, which were kept "under cover" in the investigation of the William Desmond Taylor murder mystery today indicated that a woman, one of the most prominent figures in the case, will be questioned for the second time at the district attorney's office within the next few days, for an explanation of recently discovered evidence involving her name.

District Attorney Woolwine, it was reported, has decided that it is essential to the investigation, as a matter of precaution, that the woman add to the lengthy statement she made when she was first questioned by clearing up points developed since that time.

REPUDIATES STORY
While the probability that the woman might be questioned by Woolwine today loomed as the outstanding feature of the investigation in Los Angeles, the wife of Harry Fields, who "confessed" he aided in the murder, drove the last nail in the coffin in which her husband's sensational story has been buried as wholly without truth.

Mrs. Fields, whose home is in Seattle, declared that Fields, who is in jail in Detroit, never visited her in Seattle Feb. 3, two days after the murder, as he claimed in his so-called "confession." Fields said that he fled to Seattle from Los Angeles and visited his wife before leaving for the East.

SHOT IN HOLDUP

Crittle was shot in a desperate hand-to-hand battle with an armed holdup man in which the stake was \$1.70. He suffered a revolver wound in the head, for which he was McGinnis was arrested on suspicion.

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Royal Bride and Parent



FIND AUTO IN \$70,000 OIL CO. HOLDUP

The automobile used by four armed bandits who held up and robbed agents of the Standard Oil Co. of \$10 in cash and \$72,000 in checks was found today by J. E. Minton in front of 435 North Lake street.

The automobile had been abandoned by the bandits and in their haste the desperadoes left behind them a rifle and a sawed-off shotgun, which were used in the daring holdup on the North Spring street bridge.

Detectives Davis and Oker of the police flying squadron went to North Lake street and found that Minton had removed the weapons to his home for safe keeping. He told the police that the car was abandoned shortly after 3 p. m. yesterday and probably less than 15 minutes after the robbery was staged.

SEEK CLEWS

Attaches of the police identification bureau examined the automobile for finger prints and other marks which might assist them in determining the identity of the holdup men.

The shotgun used by the bandits was new and an amateur had evidently cut off part of the barrel. The owner of the automobile was sought today, as police presumed the car was stolen.

Revelation was made today that the sheriff's office had information three months ago that such a robbery was planned and that in the hope of foiling the bandits' reported plans deputy sheriffs had followed the cashier's machine each day for weeks. Guard over the money cargo was relaxed only a few days ago, it was said at the sheriff's office.

GUARDED CAR

Deputy Sheriff Wright and Strong guarded the Standard Oil car on its trips to the bank. At the sheriff's office it was said that deputy sheriffs have important information which may lead to arrests shortly.

The employees robbed were Assistant Cashier J. L. Webb, Harry Gray, guard, and J. M. Hennessey, driver.

They told police that two of the

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King George, Queen Mary, and Below, Their Only Daughter, Who Was Wedded Today

BONUS TO PASS LEGION VIEW AFTER CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—There will be no delay in enactment of bonus legislation, Stewart Taylor, legislative agent of the American Legion, declared today following a conference he and Commander Hanford MacNider of the American Legion held with President Harding today.

"We feel certain that there will be no delay in passing the adjusted compensation measure," Taylor said. "We have been practically assured of that. President Harding is heart and soul with the American Legion in its fight for an adjusted compensation, and will see the position of the ex-service men perfectly. We are very much pleased with his attitude."

SALES TAX PLAN

Advocates of a sales tax to raise funds for a soldiers' bonus today saw victory in sight.

Conferring with Representatives Mondell and Fordney, President Harding remarked that should the soldiers' bonus bill come to him for signature without a sales tax clause attached it would be vetoed. According to Representative Fordney, who is chairman of the house ways and means committee, the President stressed his point.

So the system, proposed and rejected last week, a tax of 14 per cent on all sales by manufacturers,

jobbers and retailers on all food-stuffs and other essentials, will be introduced again to the ways and means committee today, it was said.

ARMS CUT SAVINGS

The finance committee of the ways and means committee last week defeated this sales tax plan by a vote of five to three, urging at the same time passage of the soldiers' bonus bill without reservations or revenue-raising systems. According to sentiment in the capital this would be welcoming defeat for the bonus.

The suggestion by the agriculture bloc that savings from reduction of armaments be used to pay \$250,000,000 the first year in which the bonus operates was quashed by President Harding during his interview with Representative Mondell, Republican leader of the lower house, and Representative Fordney, declared the latter today. He also said:

LEGION MAN HOPEFUL

"I will support whatever the Republican membership of the house desires to do. I am a party man and will be governed by the majority."

The contribution of Mondell was this:

"Congress was elected by the people, a majority of whom expected a bonus bill, and this congress has been made to feel so obligated, and is disposed to pass a bonus bill."

GIRL EXPOSE NABS 6 IN TAYLOR DEATH

Harding Asks Ship Fund in Congress

ROYAL BRIDE CHEERED BY THOUSANDS

Brilliant Throng Fills Westminster Abbey to See Marriage Ceremony

By EDNA CHURCH
International News Service Staff Correspondent

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Amid all the pomp and ceremony of old world royalty, her royal highness, Princess Mary, only daughter of King George and Queen Mary was married to Viscount Lascelles, heir to the earl of Harewood, in Westminster abbey.

It was the first marriage in the reigning royal family in nearly 29 years and was a social event of almost unprecedented splendor, brilliance and impressiveness.

The ceremony took place at noon in the presence of the most varied and representative assemblage that ever attended a royal wedding.

PRINCE IS ABSENT

All members of the royal family were present except the prince of Wales, heir to the throne, who is in India.

The magnificent old cathedral with its great vaulted roof, its gorgeous traceries, its mighty pillars and its beautiful stained windows, formed a fitting background for the nuptial ceremonies, the brilliant uniforms of army and navy officers and the dazzling gowns of the women.

The bride and bridegroom and the royal family rode in state from Buckingham palace to the abbey and the sight of the happy girl's face in the famous old glass coach gave a thrill of pleasure to the vast multitude of men and women who lined the streets.

ALL-BRITISH WEDDING

It was an "all British" wedding, according to wishes of the royal family. The bride's maids were English girls. The bridegroom's best man was Sir Victor Audley Falconer MacKenzie, a captain in the Scots Guards and a brother in arms in war time. Contrary to custom, foreign royalties did not officially participate in the actual ceremonies.

The Most Rev. Randall Thomas Davidson, archbishop of Canterbury and the highest prelate of the Anglican church, officiated.

The orthodox ritual was followed by which the princess promised to

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SEEKS AID TO BUILD U. S. SEA POWER

Hot Battle Predicted on Plan to Help Development of Merchant Marine

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—President Harding went before a joint session of congress today and presented his views on the United States shipping situation.

It is believed that his action will precipitate another fight in the halls of national legislation which will rival the battle now in progress over the soldiers' bonus bill.

Harding's action today officially fired the nation's biggest gun in the effort to lift America, out of the class of sea dependents and make her one of the foremost maritime nations of the world.

The administration plan, of which Harding is the chief advocate, stands for the payment of a national ship subsidy, which may reach to a total of \$32,000,000 a year and which is intended, according to schedule, to bring about the carrying of at least 50 per cent of American products in American bottoms.

The agricultural bloc is strongly opposed to this plan. Those interested in defeating it are for the most part from the interior districts which are not directly connected with water transportation, it was declared.

13 Are Indicted in U. S. Ship Frauds

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Thirteen representatives of some of the most powerful shipping interests on the Eastern coast were under indictment by the federal grand jury today. Among those charged with fraud in the war contracts let by the United States are: Charles W. Morse of New York and his three sons Ervin, Benjamin and Harry, Colin H. Livingston, president of the Boy Scouts of America and former head of the Virginia Shipbuilding corporation, was also indicted.

MAY BAR CAMEL

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Alfred Buckland may not enter the ball room at the civic auditorium for the great Mardi Gras society event astride a camel, according to the city fathers today.

Dr. Hubert Work to Head P.O. Department

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—President Harding has definitely decided to name Dr. Hubert Work, now first assistant postmaster general, as postmaster general to succeed Will Hays, who leaves office March 4 to become director general of the movies, it was learned on highest authority today.

Announcement may be made by the White House today.

Choose Publisher As Secretary of G. O. P. Committee

By International News Service
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—George B. Lockwood, former Indiana newspaper editor and now publisher of the National Republican, was appointed today as acting secretary of the Republican national committee to succeed Clarence B. Miller, who died recently in Minnesota.

Announcement of the appointment was made by John T. Adams, the Republican national chairman, after consultation with President Harding.

Burglar Foiled in House Robbery As Owner Returns

Police detectives sought today a thief who was forced to drop a package of valuable jewels he had gathered in the home of Wanda Hawley, 5805 Selma avenue, Hollywood, when the motion picture star interrupted his prowling upon her return home.

According to the reports to the police Miss Hawley entered her home with two friends and heard a noise in the upper rooms. She called Capt. George K. Home of the Hollywood police and then armed herself with a revolver.

The burglar, however, evidently had become frightened and fled, leaving behind him the star's jewels which he had tied up in a handkerchief.

SURVEY PROPOSED RAILWAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Surveys for proposed extensions of the Sacramento Northern railroad from Elkhorn to Vacaville and from Vallejo to Fairfield were in progress today. They form part of the road's development program for the next year.

ALLEGED THREAT TO KILL DIRECTOR TOLD BY SPURNED WOMAN

Arrested at the apartments of a girl who told the police she heard them vow to kill William Desmond Taylor, slain film director, six men, alleged bandits and bootleggers, were lodged in jail today while detectives investigated the girl's story directing suspicion of the murder against them.

The men gave their names as William East, 36; Walter Kirby, 23; John Herkey, 25; Ray Lynch, 26; George Calvert, 25, and Harry Amorheim, 27. They were hooked on suspicion of robbery when a suitcase full of jewelry, believed to have been stolen, was found.

Detectives announced the men also are held for investigation in the Taylor case, principally on the strength of the information given by the girl, Mrs. John Rupp, of 1536 1/2 West Washington street. After the arrest of the man a police officer was detailed to guard Mrs. Rupp, who is ill in bed.

NABBED AT APARTMENT

The arrests were made at the girl's apartment in West Washington street, by Detectives McD. Jones, Ryan, Johnson and Culp, working under the direction of Sergeant Allan Baldrige of the Wilshire police station.

Suspicion of the Taylor murder was directed against the prisoners by the story told the detectives by Mrs. Rupp, who "tipped off" the police. She declared she heard two of the men under arrest threaten to kill Taylor the night before he was slain. She said she gave her information because one of the gang, her sweetheart, "turned her down."

Sergeant Baldrige stated that he did not place complete reliance on the girl's information but that her story of the gang's alleged threat to kill Taylor would be investigated fully. He said that several months ago Mrs. Rupp, whom he described as "eccentric," attempted to commit suicide after a quarrel with her sweetheart.

TWO QUESTIONED

Two of the men named by the girl were questioned concerning their whereabouts on the night Taylor was slain.

The girl declared that the threat

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Mrs. Mary A. Ballitt, "dream lady," who declared she exchanged beauty parlor confidences with Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, on trial for plotting the slaying of J. Belton Kennedy, was to be placed on the witness stand as a prosecution witness, it was stated, when the trial was resumed today before Superior Judge Reeve.

From testimony which Mrs. Ballitt gave during the trial of Arthur Burch, Mrs. Obenchain's co-defendant, it was expected she will tell the jury the stories of dreams, which she and Mrs. Obenchain told each other while they were waiting their turns in a Broadway beauty parlor.

These dreams are said by the prosecution to have an important bearing on the case, for it was claimed in the trial of Burch that they are revelations of the undercurrent of thought which ran through the accused woman's mind when she exposed her soul to another woman.

MADALYNNE HAGGARD

The crowd in the courtroom was a-jingle with excitement as it contemplated the prospect of hearing the weird testimony of the dreams and the interpretations alleged to

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